The Story of Grandfather Moses or We Are The Weak Nuclear Force: Quantum Parables From Our Mitochondrial Ancestors

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1. Prologue

2. (Narrator)
3. Welcome
4. Thank you for choosing to listen to this story
5. I look forward to sharing this journey with you
6. Please do not feel you have to listen / Of course you are free / Do not listen as a favour / Do not listen as a burden
7. Listen because, for some few hours, you are willing to hallucinate / And think of the nature of god / And think of the nature of purpose
8. I do ask if you start / That you finish / I worry about leaving you stranded half way on the journey
9. This work is designed to be an attack / It is not passive
10. I do not want to hurt you / I do not want you to be hurt
11. I would like you to think of existence and marvel
12. But I cannot hide the pain of existence / The sharp contours of reality
13. This would be the appropriate time to stop / And know that I wish you blessings and goodness
14. Now if you are still here / If anyone is still here beside myself / Between now and the end of history

15. Let us begin
16. Before we start and meet our characters I would like to first ask you a question
17. We are heading towards extinction
18. This is a fact / Isn't it?
19. In order to be / There must be a state of non-being
20. Like the ostrich with its head in the ground / Who wants to think about extinction?
21. Our extinction is not polite conversation
22. Before talking of extinction let's talk about the opposite
23. How long have human beings been alive?
24. Where do human beings come from?
25. We are an unbroken chain going back to the very first cells
26. The very first molecules
27. The very first act of life
28. Originating from a period of time that is pre-Jurassic, pre-Cambrian, pre-first-fish, pre-simple-virus
29. Perhaps even related to the extra matter of the big bang the Dirac equation alludes to
30. It has been a very biological process that has created humans
31. If you look at the genus of humans 'Homo', we go back to Homo Habilis / A period two million years ago
32. A bipedal predecessor to human beings, Homo Erectus, roamed the world for a million years
33. Travelling to every corner of the world
34. And here we are, human beings / Homo Sapien Sapien
35. And I think if you were to ask any serious individual
36. "When will human beings annihilate ourselves?"
37. There is a decreasing faith in our continued existence going forward just by a few centuries
38. For the expected likelihood of the continuation of ourselves as a species / We are looking at just the next few hundred years
39. With centuries being very small units of time
40. Look at the radicalness of our own lifetimes
41. Of the last one or two centuries
42. We went from shooting people with primitive muskets to the dropping of atomic bombs
43. To landing someone on the moon
44. To having enough intercontinental missiles during the peak of the Cold War
45. To annihilate the entire surface of the world a dozen times with nuclear explosions
46. Wars with tanks and horses on the same battlefield
47. And things aren't getting more stable, they're getting less stable
48. Nuclear weapons are proliferating
49. We're experiencing the potential of biological warfare
50. We're watching the crumbling of the United States empire in real time
51. We're not really sure what fills it
52. We're passive to the hacking of human nervous systems by for profit enterprises
53. Free will under assault, if it ever existed
54. Our children born into brands, raised by social media, living as cows milked by trillion dollar companies
55. What is the end of this?
56. It's a horrible thing to believe that we are in the end of days
57. Population zero just a matter of time / Mind, body or soul
58. If not in the next fifty years, then in the next five hundred years
59. Which for all intents and purposes is the same thing
60. We witness our perspective through the news cycle
61. The challenges that we face today
62. But perhaps we are too focused on the microscopic
63. As Pynchon says, get people asking the wrong questions then who cares about the answers
64. What we will, together, focus on in this story is a different perspective
65. We will look into our shared past
66. Exploring the feel of history as it sits in my own mind / As it comes to my own lips
67. And I invite you to feel for the same story in your own mind / To tell it as it comes to your own lips
68. For this story is just as much your story as my story
69. Our shared ancestors have been here before
70. Our genus of Homo has almost gone extinct
71. There was a period about seventy five thousand years ago

72. Before human beings had left Africa
73. When there was a population bottleneck
74. When we, Homo Sapiens, almost went extinct
75. There was just one thousand human beings left on planet earth
76. Like a village left
77. Smaller than my high school
78. And what we will seek to comprehend is: what does it mean to be in your own head
79. As your species faces extinction
80. And also
81. How did that invert?
82. Because also around this same time something happened called the cognitive revolution
83. Which is when human beings gained that most human of traits: the trait of consciousness
84. The trait that is the defining feature separating human beings from all other animals on earth
85. And from every other entity in the universe
86. From a star to a force of nature like Gravity
87. Everything else we have found in the universe is not conscious
88. We are conscious
89. Everyone instinctively knows what consciousness means
90. But what does it actually mean?
91. Do dogs, when they whimper in fear, is that consciousness?
92. When a monkey is able to get into an argument with another monkey: is that consciousness?
93. I think we would say no, but why not?
94. So,
95. Human beings almost went extinct
96. But instead gained consciousness
97. And I don’t know how that happened
98. There was no historical record
99. People were hunter gatherers
100. But what we are going to do with this work
101. We are going to hypothesize
102. We are going to hypothesize by telling the story of Moses
103. Not the Jewish Moshe Rabbenu
104. Or Christian Moses
105. Or Quranic Musa
106. Or Krishna
107. Or Zoraster
108. But Grandfather Moses / Our shared elder
109. Let us try to understand
110. If there really was at some point in time a man like Moses
111. The genesis of so many stories that have circulated through civilizations
112. The oldest story that feels real in the fractals of my neocortex
113. Who was he?
114. What did he do?
115. What was this one man’s individual capability in transforming a population bottleneck leading towards extinction
116. Into the gaining of consciousness
117. I’m not going to try to apply what this means for our own situation or our own society
118. All I am going to do is try to tell the story as truthfully as I feel it
119. Listening to the honesty in my heart,
120. Knowing that somewhere in my mind the original oral history still lives / Just as it lives in your mind as well
121. In order to tell the story truthfully
122. I am going to stop telling the story from the narrative of myself
123. Because I don’t think that is the most authentic way to tell this story
124. Instead,
125. I am going to put myself into the world of Moses
126. I am going to be as honest as I can to the truth that sings inside my head
127. I am going to let Moses tell the story in his own words
128. And if you choose to listen, hopefully by a fire over four nights

129. One night for each of the four parts of this story
130. Listen to him as you would listen to your Grandfather
131. A mixture of indulgence, respect and love / Knowing that he is on your side
132. And now I am going to hand it over to him
133. The start of the story

134. Part 1

135. Chapter I

136. And then something out of nothing
137. Some of my first memories take place before I had a concept of time
138. While many of my fellow tribe member’s first memories of me / Are things that I do not remember
139. My earliest memory
140. Would be staring up at the blue sky
141. Lying on my back
142. I think I must be a baby
143. And it felt safe
144. And the sky was blue
145. And I felt like I was falling up, into the sky
146. Endless
147. Floating
148. Flying
149. Most of my fellow tribe member’s first memories of me
150. Or at least those who are of an age to remember
151. Are of when I was first brought to the tribe
152. I am not from these people
153. But it is true they opened their doors to me
154. And they have given me a lot
155. If I cannot call it love
156. At least there is food in my belly
157. And a direction to be walking in
158. And stories to listen to
159. And there are days with much laughter
160. My own tribe, the people whose blood runs in my veins, are people who I don’t know much about
161. Their stories are lost to me
162. I don’t know what made them walk
163. I don’t know if it was just like we are today
164. With this tribe
165. Or if it was a different thing, a different direction
166. Different hopes, different dreams, different habits
167. What I know is that it is taboo to talk about my past
168. I also know
169. That everyone that I used to be with
170. Apart from myself
171. They are dead
172. And not the peaceful dead of moving into that blue sky
173. But a dead that is unpeaceful
174. I know that the stone King wears around his neck
175. The one which he uses to start fires
176. It comes from my people
177. And I know that if anyone was to try to take the stone from King
178. He would fight them to the death
179. I’m not sure the story of how the stone of my people came to King
180. I have known since my first memories that it is better not to ask
181. Today we are a small tribe
182. We know that we used to be larger in number
183. Just as we know that there used to more meeting of others who look like us

Whose sounds sound like the sounds we make
And the way they walk is like the way we walk
But every year
Every revolution around the sun
Every cycle change of the stars
We become smaller and smaller in number
But we are still here
We are still present
And we are still walking forward
There are just a few of us
But we are big in spirit
There is my half brother Goliath
We were nursed together as babes
He has always been physically bigger than me
He is the dauphin of the tribe
The future leader
It is in every particle of his being
To know that it is his destiny to be our master
He is someone who has moments of wonderful conversation with me
And we often walk side by side
Enjoying the world together
We can both be filled with laughter
The beating sun on our faces
The breeze through the skins we wear
But
He is also someone who can be cruel
He is someone that believes there is a set of rules for everyone else
And then a set of rules just for him
And I can tell you
That I have seen him in fits of rage that scared me
It is not good to be scared of another human being
Especially one who is your brother
Then,
There is Goliath’s father, King
Who wears the stone of my people
And raised me as a son
He is a good King
I do expect that the story of my people
Does not have a positive point of intersection
With the tribe of King
But I do know that King has been a good father to me
And a good leader of our tribe
He is someone that does listen
Who brings many skills
Who is fair
Even if he is uncompromising
Every moment of his existence is one of fundamental unweakness
He is a strong stick that I do not believe the world has in it to break or even bend
Then,
There is Goliath’s mother and King’s wife:
Grandma
She is the keeper of the culture of our tribe
She is someone who tells us stories in the evening
And makes us know that we are not alone in the world
That we are a part of a greater essence
A part of a greater world
She has taught us about the universe and existence

241. And what it means to feel your heart pumping and to be alive
242. She will never do anything to cross or betray King or Goliath
243. They are a tribe within a tribe
244. She protects them first
245. Then she is fierce in protecting all of us
246. And she has been as my mother
247. And I have no hesitation to say that there is a great amount of love in my heart for her
248. Even when I know that she treats me as secondary to Goliath
249. Then,
250. There are just a few others of us
251. Some, I will not go into detail on
252. They are the characters that fill our tribe
253. And are important in that they show the resilience and capability of who we are as a people
254. Maybe this story isn't the story where they are the center
255. They are the ones supporting
256. But there are a few who are important
257. There is my friend Amen
258. Who is a voice of goodness and strength in my ear
259. And the most wonderful human being that I have ever met
260. She makes a safe place wherever she is in the world
261. I trust the goodness in her heart
262. There may be love in my heart for her
263. But I am unsure if that is the right word for the emotion I feel
264. There is Dallas
265. Who is always a voice of reason
266. Who always listens flexibly
267. He is very much King's man
268. He is the one who can communicate to King different sides
269. In a way that can allow King to be more amenable to a situation
270. And more in control
271. Dallas may be the real center of our tribe
272. It is very often his view that becomes the one that we follow
273. But his views are based on fairness and logic
274. Empathy and comprehension
275. Outside of these,
276. We number twenty five
277. There are few children and they are precious to us
278. We endure together
279. We walk together
280. Searching for food
281. Searching for a nice place to rest our heads
282. Searching for a place to make fire, call camp and fill our bellies
283. And survive for another day
284. King has the capability to make fire
285. We have seen from a distance other tribes
286. They have not been able to make fire the way King can
287. They find fire from lightning, but they cannot make it with their own hands
288. King makes the fire in secret when we aren't watching
289. All we know is he uses the stone he wears around his neck that came from my people
290. It is the thing that gives him power
291. Not just in our tribe but over every tribe
292. He is fire starter
293. He is fire man
294. And with that fire
295. We have heat
296. We have warmth
297. We have food

We have power
We’ve banished our fear of the dark away
And we are united together
United against the infinite darkness that invades the world around us
The fire is the center of our lives
It is the thing that makes us different than the world around us
We take it extremely seriously
We make sure that the fire is respected and worshiped
When we start a fire King says words of thanks to the fire
We all bow our heads and let him speak to give the fire its proper space
Then over the evening
As the darkness settles in
And we can see the stars above us
So many in number
That sometimes we argue whether the sky is white with black specs
Or black with white specs
And Grandma tells us stories of where we come from
Of the Garden of Eden
A place that was perfect
But that we were banished from
For the mistakes we made
She tells us the stories of why we need to be good followers
Because it was by not following that we were banished from Eden
And why every day we need to suffer
We need to suffer
Because we are sinners
And we have done wrong
And the only thing that should drive us
Is the motivation that if we live a life of following
A life of following King
And following his rule
Perhaps,
We can be forgiven
And re-find the Garden of Eden
I like these stories in the evening
Grandma is an incredible story teller
Sometimes she’ll tell the same story again and again
But each retelling is a little bit different
And I love to hear the differences
Just as I feel safe knowing
That the story is a story
That I know the beginning, the middle and the end
And even if sometimes the lessons are hard and painful
The characters can have so much richness and depth
It is worth falling into them in the nighttime
The nighttime is my favourite time
It’s the time when I get to lean back quietly
Being in my head
And know the swirling, fluttering thoughts
Of what can only be called my mind
A time when I am free
And as I stare in the fire
And my brain levitates
Up, down, sideways
In and out of my soul
And I feel what it is to know that I have purpose in my being alive
Even if I don’t know what to do with this feeling of purpose

This essence of spirit / That can flow from me
When I am free in the evenings
Is something I consider holy
Then as I fade to sleep
I hear others speak of dreams
Dreams of hunting
Dreams of carnality
Dream of picking fruit
Dreams of walking
But myself,
I very rarely dream
And when I do dream
It is not a good experience
Often,
I just have my brain turn off
As what I must imagine is the feeling of death
Disappearance
The stopping of existence
And then
To awaken in the sunshine of the morning
My brain rising, like the sun
And the push to get up and begin another day
Though I always try to take a few moments
To feel peace
And feel the spirit
Just as I enter the blackness drifting towards sleep
And my brain is free and I experience reality in a different way
If nighttime, just as my brain flutters to oblivion, is my favourite time
Then my second favourite would be my waking in the morning
With my eyes still shut
Feeling the warmth of the sun creeping over my head
Feeling my brain imagining different realities
Of what the day, and the world and my lifetime can hold
And I take pleasure in relaxing in the euphony of what my brain allows me
The freedom to think
And then
With my will and power
That is built, not innate
I will open my eyes
And begin the challenge of the day
To make sure that we are all safe
That we are all protecting each other
That we have food in our bellies
Water in our water carriers
And that we get through another day safely
And in peace
For not every day will end safely
Or in peace

Chapter II

Let’s go together through a normal day
I wake up and we of King’s tribe are circled around the embers of the fire
Some of us will have stayed up late watching to make sure that animals stay at bay
But for this last night I was able to sleep well
My feet poking towards the fire
I am covered in the skin of a gazelle
And I feel warm

411. I feel cozy
412. And I look up
413. And I see the blue sky
414. The sun breaking / Just rising
415. And I stretch my arms behind my head
416. And I feel good
417. The world is a fantastic thing
418. The ground has been soft
419. I have next to me, on my left, Amen
420. Still asleep
421. Curled in sleep in her own gazelle skin
422. Slightly snoring
423. Then on my other side is Dallas
424. Who is snoring a bit loudly
425. But he’s the one who had been keeping the watch
426. And deserves to have more rest
427. I stand and see I am one of the first ones awake
428. I see Goliath in the distance on the far side of the fire
429. Also awake
430. Doing his morning stretches and his morning rituals
431. I walk over to a little stream that we are camping next to
432. I throw water on my face
433. Now, I feel more awake and more ready to start the day
434. It’s interesting how as the sun comes up
435. We naturally have our minds awaken
436. And know that it is the time to get the day started
437. We don’t need to say anything, we just act, we just move
438. We know that the purpose of the day
439. It is to have our stomachs well fed
440. And this place where we have spent the last night
441. It is not a place where there will be anymore food
442. So if we are going to be fed
443. It is time to begin moving
444. We pack up the small number of things we have
445. Our blankets, our wooden spears
446. There are a few odds and ends
447. A flute made out of horn that Grandma is very good at making beautiful music through
448. The special jewelry that we adorn ourselves in on festival days
449. We wrap them in our skins to keep them safe
450. In just a few moments after everyone is awake
451. We are very close to being ready to go
452. We have some small food that we collected yesterday
453. We eat to break the fast
454. Some wild berries
455. Some tubers we found in the ground
456. We are now sitting, waiting, munching on the food
457. Waiting for King to start
458. King
459. Who is the last one up
460. Lying under the skin of a lion
461. Eyes open staring at the sky
462. It is he we are waiting to give the motion that it is time to move
463. He puts his head up
464. He stands,
465. We all look him in the eye
466. And then, he starts moving
467. We follow

468. Nobody says anything
469. Later in the day we will be telling stories
470. Singing
471. Having fun
472. Camaraderie
473. As we take the pleasures we can of the journey together
474. But now,
475. It is still early
476. Our heads are still quiet
477. And we are just going
478. Going forward
479. We walk in single file
480. Behind King as he takes us wherever we are going to go
481. We have trust in King
482. This is his position
483. He has brought us safely so far
484. We are still here
485. When many others are not still here
486. And he is the one that makes the fire
487. And he who makes the fire is our leader
488. We swear allegiance to him
489. We call him our King
490. For he is our King
491. We would not have safety without him
492. We would not be able to have light in the darkness
493. Warmth in the cold
494. A weapon against predators
495. And King is a good King
496. He treats us fairly
497. He treats us with respect
498. Now,
499. As it is becoming the middle of the day
500. And the sun is becoming hot
501. We get a good view of our surroundings
502. It’s the middle of the day
503. When the sun is directly over our heads
504. Making our shadows almost invisible
505. This is a hostile environment
506. Wide open expanses
507. Dry grass scorched in the sunlight
508. Trees every here and there casting a limited shadow
509. Enough for a prairie dog to huddle under
510. But nothing to break the incredible heat
511. Desolation
512. As far as we can see in every direction
513. It is a scene of emptiness
514. And quiet
515. This is not a place of abundance
516. This is not Eden
517. We truly have been kicked out of Eden
518. Or else it has disappeared
519. For this is not an environment that our species was made to thrive in
520. But we will survive
521. And we have survived
522. And while Gravity brings us close to the surface
523. We still move forward, with direction
524. Following King

525. When the sun is at its absolute hottest
526. King stops
527. He says some of the first words that we have heard this day
528. “Today is a good day to hunt”
529. “We need meat in our diet”
530. “And I see on the horizon that there are animals”
531. “Gazelles”
532. “It is time to get busy”
533. Hunting is a challenging affair
534. The women stay with the children and try to keep them safe
535. This is not work for women
536. This is work for men
537. Death may happen
538. An animal kicks a hunter in the head
539. Women are more precious than men
540. Women can have children / While men cannot
541. If there were one hundred men and one woman / Then in a years time the tribe could be one hundred and two
542. If there was one man and one hundred women / Then in a years time the tribe could be two hundred and one
543. We men must keep the women safe
544. We take off the skins that we have been using to keep the incredible heat from the sun from breaking our skin
545. Our naked skin,
546. Without any fur
547. Exposed to the sun
548. White as a dogs underbelly
549. And we go
550. Us men
551. Goliath, King, Dallas, myself and a few others
552. We begin to jog towards the horizon
553. Myself, my eyes are not as good as Kings
554. I cannot see the animals he’s spotted
555. But he is an experienced hunter
556. And I trust him
557. And I follow him
558. We go towards the horizon
559. We go towards the horizon
560. We go towards the horizon
561. I now see a dot in the distance
562. This must be the gazelle that King is seeing
563. There are in fact five different dots
564. We keep going towards them
565. And they keep staying away from us
566. And we go and we go and we go
567. Unbreaking
568. The gazelles are still ahead, still ahead
569. We are not catching them
570. But they tire in a different way than we humans become tired
571. They’re not able to take the heat from the sun in the same way
572. I don’t entirely understand it
573. But we humans
574. We are not fast, we are not strong
575. But we can handle the heat differently
576. While we are burning in the sun
577. Our lungs are still staying powerful
578. Still able to make us move forwards, no matter the heat
579. Where the gazelles will have stop and pant / Their weakness
580. The dots are still on the horizon
581. But they are bigger dots than they were before

582. I turn my head around and I see that our own tribe
583. Are now dots smaller than the gazelles
584. They are far behind us
585. We keep going forward
586. Jogging forward
587. Moving forward
588. The sun is a terrific heat
589. It hurts
590. It’s burning our exposed flesh
591. The pain is acute but it will only be fully felt tomorrow
592. Ideally, when there is solid meat in the stomachs of our womenfolk and our children
593. All we have to do is outlast these gazelles
594. We come forward / We come forward
595. There is a tree
596. Something that provides very little shade
597. And we see the gazelles stop there
598. We begin to move faster
599. They try to be in the shade to cool down
600. But we will not give them this luxury
601. As we get closer
602. They move on
603. You can feel the gazelles reproach
604. Why are we tiring them?
605. Why can’t they just take a break?
606. They are faster than us
607. But still we keep moving
608. Unbroken
609. Unbroken
610. We are getting closer
611. We see them
612. I can see their shapes
613. I can see the markings on their rears
614. And as we get closer
615. They try to out race us
616. In a normal race they would be so much faster than us
617. But you can feel their exhaustion
618. We’re going
619. We’re going
620. The sun is beating down
621. Ahhhhhh
622. It is going to hurt tomorrow
623. But this is the hunt
624. All I am going to think about is the hunt
625. I become closer
626. We become closer
627. Finally,
628. One of the gazelles falls over
629. Exhausted by its own fight against the heat
630. The other gazelles keep moving
631. A-tribe-oning the fallen gazelle
632. And as we come closer
633. We know that the hunt is ours
634. King takes a wooden spear / And draws first blood
635. We give him this right
636. He takes his large stone knife
637. And with a swift movement cuts the gazelle’s throat
638. Now / We are going to have meat tonight

We take twine made from the sinews of past hunts
We make hand holds
So that we can share in the carrying of the gazelle
We begin the journey back towards our tribe
There are no dots on the horizon
So that while Goliath, King and myself are carrying the gazelle
Goliath using his hulk to carry an entire end
While I help balance out King
Some others and Dallas are scouting
Looking for the dots that will mean we have found our tribe
We’re moving
The sun is still so hot
But not as hot as it was before
The worst of the heat was used to kill the gazelle
Our friend in nature
Nature takes away, it burns, it hurts
But it gives
And human beings, weak that we are
We are still able to harness the power of nature
Together with nature we brought the gazelle down
And while the pain of the sun is acute
I feel gratitude
We are going to be able to survive better with meat in our bellies
Finally,
Someone says “Over there”
And we see on the horizon the huddled women and children
We come towards them
Our skin is no longer white but turned red
Blemishes will sprout tomorrow, some with blood
Pain is beginning to take form
The women see us
There is respect and cheers
The women make soft compresses
Made out of the leaves of trees filled with a gel that gives comfort
They begin to prepare the meat for the evening meal
This will be the first time that we have eaten meat in several days
It is rare to see animals on the horizon
It is rare for a hunt to go as successfully as this one
Often the animals get away
Often an animal injures one of us
We are going to cook this meat
It’s easier to eat when it has been cooked on the fire
Some days,
When it has been raining,
When it isn’t possible to have a fire
We will eat the meat raw
But it is challenging on our teeth
It is work to chew
Our old ones and young ones suffer
So with the fire
We are able to eat well
We’re leave many pieces of meat on the edge of the fire
Absorbing the smoke
And in this way
The bugs will not attack it
And we can keep it strong
So that it can feed us in future days

696. And as we sit around the fire
697. Ready to eat meat
698. We are feeling merry
699. It is always a great day when there is meat
700. Before we sit down to have the first bites
701. King stands
702. And says “It is your time to thank me”
703. “For bringing this meat”
704. And each of us sitting in a circle by his feet
705. One by one
706. Say
707. “Thank you King for giving us this meat”
708. “Thank you King for giving us this meat”
709. “Thank you King for giving us this meat”
710. And then
711. Once the final person
712. Goliath
713. Says
714. “Thank you King for giving us this meat”
715. King takes the first bite of meat
716. And says
717. “It is good, please enjoy”
718. And we begin to eat
719. Everyone is in a good mood when they are eating meat
720. Children are jumping up and down / Running around
721. Women are laughing
722. And we who hunted, even as our skin burns from the hunt
723. We are able to feel free and laugh
724. The sun has gone down
725. We keep watching the fire
726. We are going to need to stay up very late tonight
727. Dangerous animals are smelling the meat
728. They are going to prowl
729. The women have been successful in collecting small amounts of wood
730. We take fire from the main fire
731. And we make some small secondary fires / On the edge of our tribe
732. To keep the animals away
733. To give us the light to see moving shadows just beyond our edge
734. Ready to take a small child away
735. Or jump into the fire and take our meat
736. To stay awake, so that it’s not just one sentry, but all of us taking some of the work
737. As late as we can, into the night
738. To keep the beasts of the night at bay
739. It’s time to hear a story
740. Grandma takes her bone flute
741. And says
742. “Which story would you like to hear tonight?”
743. One of the children shouts
744. “Tell us the story of Adam and Eve”
745. “Tell us the story of the Garden of Eden”
746. Grandma has a bit of a smile
747. She goes
748. “Let me give you a deal”
749. “I’m going to tell you two stories of the Garden of Eden”
750. “One is true”
751. “And one is a lie”
752. “And it’s up to you to guess which one is which”

753. “I don’t want you to tell anyone which is the right one”
754. “But, I want you to hold it in your heart”
755. “And share with the people that you love”
756. “For the rest of your life”
757. “What is the true story of the Garden of Eden”
758. “And”
759. “Know that it is the true story”
760. “How you feel it”
761. “Is the truth of where we come from”
762. “But know that not everyone feels the same way”
763. “One story goes like this”
764. “It is the story of your great great great great great great grandparents”
765. “In the time before anyone remembers”
766. “We choose to call two of them, a man and his wife, Adam and Eve”
767. “They are our parent’s parent’s parent’s parent’s parent’s parents”
768. “Their blood is in your veins”
769. “During this time we were in a place that was paradise”
770. “Every tree was loaded with fruit”
771. “The ground was soft”
772. “There were no animals that would hurt us”
773. “Just animals that we could eat”
774. “And the fire was good”
775. “Every night we were comfortable”
776. “Every day we were at peace”
777. “All we had to do was enjoy the fatness of the earth”
778. “Everything was pleasurable”
779. “Adam and Eve would enjoy the bounty of this garden”
780. “Nothing to hurt their skin”
781. “Their stomachs never empty”
782. “Their children wild at play”
783. “Adam as a King”
784. “Eve and his children as his doting subjects”
785. “Worshipping Adam as a God”
786. “Half man half deity”
787. “But,”
788. “It was not to be forever”
789. “One day a voice came from the sky / And spoke just to Eve”
790. “And,”
791. “There had never been a lie told between Adam and Eve”
792. “But Eve chose to keep the voice from the sky a secret from Adam”
793. “The voice from the sky told Eve ‘You are the slave of Adam’”
794. “Eat this apple and you will be liberated”
795. “And the tree the apple comes from”
796. “It is called the Tree of Knowledge”
797. “And with its fruit”
798. “You will be free”
799. “And be able to be anything”
800. “And,”
801. “As Eve ate the apple”
802. “Eden fell”
803. “For she was not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge”
804. “Knowledge’s fruit being just for the man and not for the woman”
805. “Adam’s paradise could not withstand a woman eating this forbidden fruit”
806. “Eden was no longer perfect after a woman had tasted enlightenment”
807. “Suddenly that which was paradise was no longer paradise”
808. “Adam experienced her eating the apple”
809. “And his only solution was to carry them and their children out of Eden”

810. “He used his might to create chains around his family”
811. “And if Eve or his children disobeyed / Adam would whip them”
812. “Paradise was lost”
813. “Why was paradise lost?”
814. “Was it because of Eve for eating the apple from the Tree of Knowledge?”
815. “Was it Adam for his weakness?”
816. “Or was Eden already fragile? Its fall preordained?”
817. “And,”
818. “After Adam and Even and their children left”
819. “The good times of Eden were over forever”
820. “Now, we walk every day”
821. “Knowing that Eden can exist”
822. “Knowing that we have never found it again”
823. “If we were to find Eden again, would women again be tempted to eat from the Tree of Knowledge?”
824. “Knowing it will cast us from perfection?”
825. “Or would women keep their place?”
826. “Being the slave to man to stay in perfection”
827. “That is one story”
828. Grandma said
829. “Don’t think if it’s the truth, or a lie or something even different”
830. “Wait for me to say this other story first”
831. “Now let me tell you that it is true we were in the Garden of Eden”
832. “Just as I tell you this”
833. “My grandmother told me that her grandmother’s feet had touched the soft earth of a place that was indescribably perfect”
834. “There was fat fruit on every branch of every tree”
835. “The most delicious animals coming right to us / Basically slaughtering themselves”
836. “The ground so soft that as you’d go to sleep you’d wake up and the ground would form a perfect shape for your body”
837. “But it was not to be”
838. “The sky changed”
839. “The ground became less perfect, more hard, more brittle”
840. “The animals became rarer”
841. “The fruit became poisonous”
842. “The members of the tribe, who at the time were numerous”
843. “They became sick”
844. “From their insides liquid would flow”
845. “They would have death”
846. “Every day the tribe would shrink”
847. “The specter of death filled the air”
848. “Finally,”
849. “Adam and Eve stood up and said:”
850. “‘This place was perfection’”
851. “‘But it is perfection no longer’”
852. “‘Even though we know outside of Eden is not a good place’”
853. “‘We know that if we are to stay here we are surely to perish’”
854. “‘Any can stay,’”
855. “‘But I Adam’”
856. “‘’And I Eve’”
857. “‘We’re leaving here today’”
858. “‘If any will follow, we invite you, but we do not force you’”
859. “‘But today we fight our own extinction’”
860. “‘We don’t say we are correct’”
861. “‘But we say that we are taking action’”
862. “‘And this is the action we are taking’”
863. “And some followed Adam and Eve”
864. “They were our ancestors”
865. “So you are here today because of their actions”
866. “And others didn’t”

867. “And we don’t know what happened to them”
868. “Except we are sure of is this”
869. “In my grandmother's days they would find other tribes who are like us”
870. “And then my parents spoke of meeting others who are like us”
871. “And then myself I saw many who are like us”
872. “But you young ones I know have seen very few who are like us”
873. “And I fear that we are disappearing”
874. “It’s a sadness because our line has potential”
875. Serendipitously soon after
876. We were to meet and bond with the first other tribe
877. Since the founding of myself in the blood of my parents

878. Chapter III

879. One day
880. As we were walking
881. This wild, I guess it would be a cow, but it was fast
882. And fatter and larger than any animal we’d ever hunted
883. Runs in front of us
884. There were other human beings chasing after it with wooden spears
885. Looking like us
886. Dressed a little different
887. They’re clearly tired
888. And I look to King to see what sort of decision he’ll make
889. And he looks to them
890. And instead of being aggressive
891. He bows down
892. And the chief from the other tribe, breathing heavily
893. Bows in return, arms open, in a sign of peace
894. We don’t understand each other with words / But our bodies communicate our intentions
895. King waves his hand saying ‘stop here’
896. He looks to me, he looks to Dallas, he looks to Goliath, he looks to a few others
897. Points to Goliath
898. Says “Stay here with the women folk”
899. “Make sure these new people are treated as our best guests”
900. “And we’re going to go and get that animal”
901. King starts running after the fat cow
902. And Dallas and I, we start running with him
903. We go
904. This animal we’re chasing is tired and already injured bad
905. But he’s still fast
906. And he’s still big
907. And we’re gonna get him because King is chasing
908. King is in the front
909. And we are following
910. And we know that if King reaches him first
911. Then King is in danger
912. And King is our leader
913. It is our job to protect him
914. So we’re running and time is hard to follow
915. Because time is mutable, not immutable
916. And finally
917. The animal is slowing down
918. And King goes to the right
919. Shouts to us to go to the left
920. I go faster than Dallas
921. King says “Attack from different directions”
922. We’re all carrying wooden spears

923. We run at the cow at the same time
924. It’s Dallas who gets a good shot right at the head
925. And bashes with the back of his spear as hard as he can
926. And the animal goes down, fast
927. And suddenly, there’s more meat than any of us, even King, has ever seen in one spot
928. What do we do with this?
929. Well the hunt ended not too far from our camp
930. I yell at King “I will go get some help”
931. I go back and I see our womenfolk helping out with the other tribes womenfolk
932. They must have arrived while we were gone
933. There is a feeling of peace, not war
934. There’s many of us now, like in days gone by, as our two tribes are combined together
935. We are okay
936. We are at peace / My heart beats in a funny way
937. We’re fine
938. I go up to the chief of the other tribe
939. He who returned the bow of King / Who radiates authority and power
940. I give him the same respect that I give to King
941. More
942. For it’s a way to show respect to this moment / That we are sharing together
943. I use my body to give respect but also to gesture for him and his other male folk
944. I communicate with my arms and my feet, like a dance, the success of the hunt
945. I gesture to the malefolk with the stronger upper body strength
946. To come with me to help carry the fat cow
947. And I start jogging back, and I stop,
948. And I give them a big wave saying ‘come on’
949. I try to gesture that their womenfolk will be safe there
950. That we are not going far
951. That everything is good
952. The malefolk of the other tribe come with me
953. Together we arrive to the cow
954. We will carry it together
955. Dragging it, pushing it, pulling it
956. It’s a heavy animal!
957. There’s no getting around that
958. And they understand and we move the cow together / It is not far to our camp
959. And we bring the fat cow back
960. And we don’t understand a word of each other
961. But we know that there is only one thing to do / With this great cow / Hunted together
962. There is anticipation in the air as both tribes stand quiet together
963. King stands grandiosely, calling attention to himself
964. He bows, giving respect to the other King
965. But it is clear that King is King
966. King is always King
967. King is moving like dancing / I can tell he is enjoying himself
968. He gestures that he will leave and return
969. And King comes back carrying fire
970. Having made it in secret / To not reveal the power of the firestone
971. And the other tribe gasps with amazement / For they cannot make fire
972. And the womenfolk have been smart and prepared a big fire pit
973. (Though I do notice they hadn’t finished setting it up until we’d brought that fat cow back)
974. Then, both tribes side by side work together
975. And there’s nothing but the fact that tonight
976. There will be a celebration
977. The day is still early
978. We are using the fire even though the light is still with us
979. We begin hacking apart the fat cow

980. The other tribe knows everything we know
981. Nothing is going to waste
982. We’ve got big rocks around the fire
983. We’re cutting pieces and on the rocks the cow’s flesh sizzles
984. Each woman is transforming meat into art with herbs and twine
985. While the children of the two tribes play together
986. As if they were from the same King
987. All are laughing and throwing more wood on the fire / Let us make the largest fire we have ever made
988. And even myself I am cooking meat with an eye to make sure mine is the best
989. I was a part of catching the cow after all
990. And why cannot my meat be the most delicious?
991. As we’re cooking the chief from the other tribe approaches the blaze
992. And taking a huge pile of leaves from a hidden pocket
993. He throws them on the fire
994. And a new smell I have not smelled before fills the air
995. Sweet as the sky and the grass combined
996. Suddenly, there’s a smoke and we all feel good
997. And safe
998. And with each other
999. Grandma has another grandma from the other tribe
1000. The grandma from the other tribe starts singing something beautiful
1001. And Grandma, not to be out done, though for sure she does not understand a word of the song
1002. She grabs her bone flute, something she has not used with us for a very long time
1003. She makes beautiful music
1004. It’s really, really nice
1005. And from the other tribe, some of the young girls, they start singing with their grandma
1006. And they are beautiful
1007. I can see them
1008. I feel lust
1009. Their beauty enters my blood
1010. And there is the magic smoke in my lungs
1011. And meat in the air
1012. And the hunt is still around me
1013. And here are my people who are not my people but then no one is my people
1014. And it is as if I am flying, even though my feet feel the ground
1015. I’m not used to seeing other people
1016. We all begin eating the meat
1017. The children are playing the games of children,
1018. Who can be biggest
1019. Who can be fastest
1020. And we men and womenfolk join in
1021. Who can be the loudest
1022. Who can eat the most
1023. Goliath did win that one
1024. With King looking on with humour and obvious pride
1025. And the other chief with a smile on his face
1026. And the other chief throws more leaves on the fire
1027. And there is magic in our feet / We begin jumping and the ground reverberates with rhythm
1028. And the world feels more like colour than it feels like life
1029. And the flute is my blood
1030. And with the fire in the center now we are all in a circle
1031. Not organized, but there is a pattern
1032. We are waving our hands
1033. Left, right, up, down
1034. Forwards, backwards
1035. Follow the person in your front
1036. And feel the person behind follow you

1037. As if we are one great creature
1038. Follow the person to your left
1039. Follow the person to your right
1040. Call,
1041. Call as an animal in the wild
1042. Run to the middle and cry as a God
1043. And another comes and joins you
1044. And we are not just as an animal
1045. But as the fire
1046. A force that is not bound
1047. We are building
1048. There is the flute
1049. And the bass deepness of our feet thumping on the ground
1050. And the fire as our own sun
1051. And our shadows leaping / Big as trees
1052. And a moon or no moon, I cannot tell
1053. In the light of our life
1054. This is the sort of day where we are alive
1055. Parts of life are accidental
1056. Parts of life are intentional
1057. Life as something we live but once
1058. And now as the blue sky has faded it is clear that the moon is full
1059. It is a full moon
1060. It is a full moon
1061. It is a full moon
1062. Is God real?
1063. The fire spreads into our hearts
1064. The fire is in our genitals
1065. And we start dancing and moving
1066. Dancing free
1067. Liberating
1068. Our bodies shaking
1069. Perspiration
1070. Wild moving
1071. Circling
1072. In, out
1073. Suddenly, I’m surrounded by the other tribe
1074. Normally,
1075. I’d be scared but I’m not
1076. We’re together
1077. Moving
1078. Side by side
1079. The most outer part of my hand
1080. By accident
1081. Rubs against one of the girls that’s singing
1082. She feels it
1083. It is like lightning
1084. The energy of the air explodes
1085. It is like the reverse of fire
1086. I am absorbed in the touch
1087. My brain is filled with the absence of anything
1088. She is staring at me and she feels it too
1089. There are many things in the world that I know I do not understand
1090. We stare at each other and we are rotating around each other
1091. Just for a second
1092. I know that there is a way that I can act here
1093. Or a way I cannot act here

1094. That will change my life
1095. Because the meaning of life is something related to what I am feeling
1096. And I can move on and it disappears and the energy moves on
1097. And perhaps I never encounter this feeling again
1098. There is a choice
1099. And I stare at her
1100. And she barks into a laugh
1101. She can feel my confusion and my indecision
1102. She shuts her left eye then opens it again
1103. Looks left, looks right
1104. Then backs away, fading into the darkness
1105. And my heart collapses and I am hurt as from a spear
1106. Then she comes back to the circle again
1107. And my heart is full
1108. She is staring at me in the eyes / Wells as mysterious as the full moon / A smile radiating from her face
1109. I understand that here is a language that is easier to speak than the one with our tongues
1110. And she fades into the darkness again
1111. And I follow her
1112. And I follow her
1113. Now I am scared
1114. Death is in the darkness
1115. But she is there and she is fearless
1116. My God
1117. I come
1118. I feel the shock of touch again
1119. She is there
1120. Her hand resting on my arm
1121. And I grab her
1122. I push my lips onto her mouth
1123. Then I push away,
1124. But her hand is against my back, she is holding me close to her
1125. She says something
1126. She is holding me
1127. So I hold her back
1128. And we lie down
1129. And we hold each other, side by side
1130. And physicality is the purpose of existence
1131. As a strong hypothesis
1132. I don’t know if the way the night went is the purpose of this story
1133. Except for the fact that another human being contains the mystery of reality
1134. That night is and was something that I think about every passing of the sun
1135. But as I am here in it
1136. Knowing that the universe we have constructed will disappear as the light touches us
1137. We are holding each other now
1138. I am kissing her neck, biting her ear, having her lay her head on my chest
1139. I feel so safe
1140. Being naked together
1141. The touch of each other
1142. And the sun rises
1143. And the magic is still in us
1144. But time keeps moving
1145. Perhaps time is immutable after all
1146. An annoying limitation of this dimension
1147. We go back to the circle
1148. I stand with my tribe, she stands with hers
1149. We bow to each other
1150. The grandma from the other tribe turns around

1151. The King from the other tribe turns around and starts walking
1152. The grandma from the other side starts signing
1153. King turns around and starts walking
1154. Our Grandma starts to play the flute
1155. Our tribes separate, where once we were together now we are increasing in distance
1156. We will never see each other again
1157. But the night that did exist
1158. Something,
1159. I cannot say in words what it means to me
1160. More experiences like that should exist in our lives

1161. Chapter IV

1162. Time passes
1163. The days change
1164. The weather changes
1165. Food is harder to come by
1166. Children’s stomachs become round
1167. Mother’s milk stops
1168. The specter of death walking among us
1169. Where have all the berries gone?
1170. Where is the voice of the song birds?
1171. The land is empty of animals
1172. Every day we walk forward
1173. The desolation remains constant
1174. King tired and eyes grim
1175. Though he is still full of fire
1176. And every night we still make a fire
1177. His eyes hooded
1178. Grandma telling no stories
1179. Nothing in the air but our hunger
1180. Quiet
1181. A child dies after eating dirt
1182. We continue to go forward
1183. We see on the horizon where the earth touches the sky
1184. Spectacular mountains,
1185. Jagged and fierce
1186. Over the fire King tells us we must cross the mountains
1187. On this side, where we are, is nothing but death
1188. On the other side is the unknown
1189. It is not our purpose to die here, hungry
1190. We have a purpose, King tells us, even if we do not know it
1191. We must grow towards it
1192. Not give up
1193. Not give up
1194. He cannot promise what we find on the other side will be Eden
1195. It may even be death
1196. But it may be Eden
1197. What is for sure
1198. Is that the only thing that remains on this side
1199. Is death
1200. We go towards the mountains
1201. All realities existing simultaneously
1202. Ourselves in a position between all the realities
1203. Death more likely than life
1204. Yet, still the possibility of paradise
1205. It is dependant on the choices we make / While we are blind to the outcome of our choices
1206. Boiling roots and leaves to give us sustenance

Quiet as we march forwards
The air becomes cold
We know it will become colder
Death is in the air
A mother dies
We do not cry, our eyes are empty of tears
We muster the energy to cover her body in stones
The sadness in our hearts just a continuing burden
Up and up
The mountains grow larger in the sky
But no closer no closer
The weather cold
Our stomachs empty
The world around us in a forever quiet
Our bodies shrivelling in front of our eyes
Goliath a giant walking skeleton
The children becoming insects
The fire is still in King's eyes
What if the mountains never come?
What if we all die before we reach them?
Moving forward forever
Stomachs distended
More death / We leave these uncovered
On the other side of the mountains is our only hope
Fighting the infinite
Inside our minds trying to create and fantasize new options
We are now in the middle of the mountains
How did we come here so suddenly?
The air so fragile and cold
King is taking us over the mountains through a pass
How did he know it was there?
Or does luck sometimes exist?
Green grass is under our feet again
One day, we wake up to bird song
Dallas captures the singing birds
And we eat them for dinner
Giving our children the eggs
Dallas dies that night, he'd eaten none of what he found
Sad, for here we are now on the other side
The endless journey does have an end / Though for many it was their infinite
They never knew that infinite had an end
There is a forest now and there are animals and we catch rabbits and we eat and Grandma starts telling stories again
King is tired
Many realities did not pass on us
We could not have predicted this reality
But King chose to make this reality happen
And for his guidance
We have our lives

Chapter V

And then my brother asks me
“Why is it you act this way?”
And I say to Goliath “This is the only way I know”
“All there is in the world is truth”
“Truth and goodness”
“And I am not the judge”
“I let my heart decide”

1263. And then my brother asks me
1264. “Why do you act this way?”
1265. And I say to him that it is because this is the only way I know
1266. “All there is in the world is truth”
1267. “Truth and goodness”
1268. “I speak as my heart tells me to”
1269. And he looks at me in frustration
1270. “Why can't you just be normal?”
1271. I tell him
1272. “Goliath,”
1273. “Why do you act this way?”
1274. And he says because this is the way that a human being is supposed to be
1275. And I ask him how does he know this?
1276. And he says because it is obvious / It is how all the world acts
1277. “Strength in the hunt”
1278. “The raising of children”
1279. “The leading of our people”
1280. He is doing that which he is supposed to do
1281. And then I ask him but what does your heart tell you?
1282. And he looks at me irritated
1283. “What does my heart have to do with this”
1284. “What does that even mean?”
1285. What I would love him to say is that he wants to impress me and impress all the world
1286. And that he does this because he is afraid
1287. Afraid of what if the world doesn't love him
1288. That he does not know himself
1289. He is unaware if he is good or bad or the devil
1290. But he does not give me the pleasure to say this
1291. Instead, he looks at my with irritation
1292. “You know it's weird how you are acting? / You should not act this way?”
1293. His words hurt me
1294. “And then how should I act?”
1295. “You should fill your role”
1296. “But what is my role?”
1297. “You can be whoever you want!”
1298. “But then I choose to be as I am / And if I am right, then is that not okay? / And if I am wrong and I hurt no one, then am I not free to be myself? / I do not tell you to be anything else other than yourself”
1299. “Don't you? / Don't your actions tell me that I am inferior? / Aren't you always quietly judging me?”
1300. “No, that is not the case / But I do think you judge me”
1301. “Yes”
1302. “But that does not bother me”
1303. “Shouldn't it?”
1304. “For some it would / For you, I think it would”
1305. “And why do you think you are so great?”
1306. “I do not think I am great, I am just unsure if I am right or wrong / I could be wrong / I could be wrong / I don't want to hurt anyone if it turns out I am wrong”
1307. “But what if you have to make a choice?”
1308. “A choice on what?”
1309. “Isn't life about choices about the unknown? / You could hurt someone without intention”
1310. “Then I will do the best I can”
1311. “And what is the best you can”
1312. “Well, I will try my hardest to do the right choice / I will tear apart my mind, I will not be passive, I will dream and experiment, I will try to imagine all the quantum possibilities in my head, giving each and every one weight / Then close off all those options that are too likely to lead to the opposite of truth and goodness”
1313. “And what if you make a choice then lightning strikes all the tribe dead? Because of your choice”
1314. “Then that would be out of my control / But if it was to happen once, I would work to not let it happen again”
1315. “How would you do that?”

1316. “I would go to places where the trees are not scarred by lightning”
1317. “But what if you don't have fire and then you need fire?”
1318. “We have fire”
1319. “And if we did not? / How would you make the choice between finding fire from the falling lightning or avoiding death from falling lightning?”
1320. “I would do the best that I can / There are endless paths open to us / Many are dead ends / Perhaps all are dead ends / But I will seek to kill the dead ends before they kill me / I will understand my mind and dream the universe around me / I will not make in the real world the same mistakes I make in my dreams / And when the universe decides to fight me / Then I will fight back”
1321. “Whatever the costs?”
1322. “Is this fight not the only thing that I have?”
1323. “But how do you know what to do?”
1324. “I will just try my hardest“
1325. “And what if your hardest is not enough?”
1326. “Then I will fail and hope that others better than me carry forward”
1327. “Why do you talk like this?”
1328. “Because it's the only way that I know how”
1329. “How can we come from the same childhood but be so different?”
1330. “There is night and there is day but they are both parts of our life”
1331. “What does that mean?”
1332. “That we are different but the same”
1333. “I don't know why you can't just be a better hunter, a better tribe member”
1334. “Because we are going to all die very soon if we do not find a way to live better”
1335. “That is not true”
1336. “That is true / We almost just died of starvation, then we almost just died of cold / We see less life, less of our people / We are dying”
1337. “I am alive”
1338. “And so am I”
1339. “We are not going to die”
1340. “Some day we will die”
1341. “The tribe will grow!”
1342. “Is the tribe growing?”
1343. “You can't be so negative about everything!”
1344. “We are talking about the death of our people”
1345. “I believe we will stay alive!”
1346. “I believe we have it in our destiny the potential to stay alive”
1347. “What is the difference?”
1348. “It is dependant on the choices we make”
1349. “I think you are weighing down the tribe by your inability to focus”
1350. “I do not question that is a potential truth / But I am trying as hard as I can / Everything is a potential truth until all the others are eliminated / There is only one truth and an infinite number of charades / I am seeking to follow the path of truth”
1351. “Well just work a bit harder”
1352. “Yes, brother, I will”

1353. Chapter VI

1354. A cry to shake the depths of the earth
1355. Amen in the pangs of giving birth
1356. Surrounded by womenfolk
1357. King, Goliath and I shudder with each scream / Out of the way of the women
1358. The giving of birth a terrible and beautiful miracle
1359. There is silence between us
1360. King to be a grandfather
1361. Goliath and I sure the child is one of ours but not whose
1362. Amen a beautiful flower and in pain
1363. Death or life on our fingertips and in the air and the world is a mist and a confusion
1364. Seeds grow towards the sky / Seeds stepped on never grow
1365. King tells the story of the first time he made love

1366. He was young and a boy and it was in the world that was closer to Eden even though Eden was still faded
1367. There was a day where a girl just chose him, grabbed him by the hand and the cock and led him away
1368. He didn't say a word / Just lied on her and came so quickly and she just smiled and touched his lips with her finger and kissed him softly and walked off
1369. They must have left the tribe for only five minutes
1370. Goliath tells the story of his first time with a woman
1371. He was in the full-moon and high on the fire
1372. And he was by himself and alone in his mind
1373. And a girl he refuses to name comes and talks to him
1374. He had told many he'd already been with women / But it had not been the case
1375. The girl was just talking to him
1376. And he was scared, scared
1377. And he wanted to lean forward and to touch her and to feel skin touch skin
1378. But he could not
1379. And he was trying to listen but none of her words came through his ears
1380. And then she just said to Goliath "If you want to fuck me, you can fuck me / Just don't cum inside me, I don't want to have a baby right now"
1381. And Goliath took off his clothes and penetrated her and came right away
1382. And she was angry and would not talk to him for some time
1383. But it was not Amen, it was not this baby
1384. I suppose I am supposed to tell the story of my first time being with a woman
1385. King is rocking back and forth, scared for Amen
1386. I am scared for Amen
1387. Goliath is scared for Amen
1388. There is nothing in the air but fear
1389. Soft Amen
1390. The world takes
1391. Screams in the air
1392. The desire to move farther
1393. As an ostrich, stick our head in the groud and hide from our terror
1394. But we are going to listen, we are not going to move
1395. We act as kings and leaders and men
1396. But we were but bawling babes, brought from the womb of our mothers,
1397. And many died,
1398. Mother and sister,
1399. Mother and brother,
1400. All the worlds that could have been,
1401. All the worlds they could have dreamed of and built
1402. We must not hide from the death of those who might have been us
1403. The fact we survived is the outlier
1404. Life such a surprise
1405. When death and emptiness such the norm of the universe
1406. In most realities I am not here
1407. “I am not sure the time I was first with a woman”
1408. “I thought I'd been with a woman the first time we kissed in the night and she touched my arm and we never touched more than that”
1409. “I was worried I had done something wrong / And perhaps a baby would grow from her mouth”
1410. “The first real time was after that, when I thought we were together and she was mine and I was hers”
1411. “And she told me that she'd wanted me to fuck her and I hadn't and it hurt her, because she'd wanted to have been fucked and I had just lain there”
1412. “And I had thought my restraint had pleased her”
1413. “And then I was scared of her, that I could not please her, that she did not like me”
1414. “And I was unsure of what to do and I hid from her”
1415. “And I told people we'd fucked / But we hadn't”
1416. “And I'd told people we were together / But we weren't”
1417. “And she would treat me like normal and I would look at my feet in shame”
1418. “Then, later, I was drunk on the full moon”

1419. “There was dancing in every direction and I was having none of it”
1420. “Staying away, with the old ones / And they would ask me ‘Why am I not with the young ones?’ and I would just stumble”
1421. “And I could tell they understood and understood better than I”
1422. “And then I just got up, bravery in my blood for a moment I did not let pass”
1423. “As if walking off a cliff into the river: I told my feet to walk”
1424. “And I told my brain not to think”
1425. “And I went and there she was dancing and free and there was a group and they were all merry”
1426. “And I walked up and I took her hand and did not say a word and I took her to the bushes”
1427. “And I sang to her and it was terrible”
1428. “And I fucked her and I came so fast and she rolled her eyes”
1429. “But we lay next to each other and in the morning we fucked again”
1430. “And she told me ‘slower’ and I went slower”
1431. “And I could hear gasps in her throat”
1432. “And then we kept fucking and I came hard”
1433. “And was it Amen?”
1434. “No it was not Amen”
1435. I remember the time lightning striked so close that there was a fire in my beard
1436. I am scared of the night and if there is no fire I will not sleep
1437. I remember my mother carrying me on her back in the middle of the march, singing songs / My only memory of my mother
1438. I am scared of being an old man and dying and every day I grow weaker
1439. What if I do not accomplish those things I feel I have the potential in my destiny?
1440. I am unsure if I am worthy of love
1441. Sometimes I act without thought
1442. I often feel that I am incapable of being loved
1443. I often feel that I am incapable of giving love
1444. There is a woman's moan and then a cry in the bush
1445. A human cry, a baby cry
1446. We all stay in silence and hold our silence and somehow we are all touching each other, shoulder to shoulder, we look in each other’s eyes
1447. A father and a grandfather stand in this group for the first time / We hold each other and give each other support
1448. Today,
1449. There is not death,
1450. There is new life

1451. Part 2

1452. Chapter VII

1453. And then suddenly day becomes night
1454. As we walk it as if the sun has lost its fire
1455. We are in total blackness
1456. I am scared
1457. What if the sun does not come again?
1458. What evil is this?
1459. This has not happened before
1460. The moment is eternity
1461. Is this my death?
1462. Is this the death of the universe?
1463. King and Goliath both hold fire and it keeps the darkness at bay
1464. Women and children wail
1465. King booms in a loud voice
1466. “Do not be afraid”
1467. “I have not experienced this before, but there are many things in the world to experience”
1468. “Remember, we have made fire”
1469. “And even here”
1470. “As the fire of the sky disappears”
1471. “The fire that we, man, have made / Still endures”
1472. “If we had not made this fire then we would be in blackness”

1473. “But from our hands we have created light”
1474. “And with this light we will endure”
1475. “Do not be afraid”
1476. “Even though there is much to be afraid of”
1477. “For the world is always trying to doom us”
1478. “With hunger and cold and disease and war and injury”
1479. “But it is our choice to endure”
1480. “And whatever this new evil is”
1481. “We will endure it too”
1482. And while he speaks the sun comes back, blinding in a way that forces us to look away
1483. And it is as if it was never gone
1484. We carry on our march
1485. In the evening King comes to me and asks if I will go for a walk
1486. It is dusk and the sky is a blue as deep as the deepest lake
1487. We walk and speak of small things
1488. The best berries to pick in the area
1489. The sweet smell of the trees
1490. How they would fit right into Eden
1491. We do not talk about the disappearance of the sun
1492. Even though it is on my mind
1493. King stops / Grabs my hands / He has a tremble / He looks in my eyes
1494. He asks me if I know the story of my own life
1495. I do not know what to say
1496. I know my parents are dead and we do not talk of them
1497. I know that I am not from this tribe / Everyone in the tribe is related by blood / But none of their blood runs through my veins
1498. I know that it is something I am not supposed to talk about
1499. Something I am not supposed to think about
1500. I tell him I do not know my own story
1501. He asks me if I want to know
1502. I am not sure that I want to know / I force my voice to say: yes, I want to know
1503. King tells me that he killed my father / And that he and his people killed all of those related to me by blood / The genocide of my people
1504. His hands that hold my hands were red with my father’s blood
1505. That he planned it and took part
1506. The story goes like this
1507. Back when King was a young man, and the tribe was bigger, and King had his own King, and King was a dauphin
1508. Times were better than they are now
1509. But the times seemed to be at their very worst
1510. Eden was more fresh in the tribes mind
1511. The old women and old men could still talk about it as something that even if they had not seen, their parents had seen
1512. Hunger was a new challenge
1513. The witnessing of children with distended stomachs
1514. Witnessing the death of children
1515. These were sights that the tribe was not used to
1516. This was a time before the firestone / Since, in the past, fire had been easy to find
1517. The land had been bountiful and food had been easy
1518. But now the world had changed
1519. Fire was found and enjoyed and a wonder when it was received
1520. It was as the rain bringing fresh water to an arid plain
1521. When the fire would fall from heaven King's tribe would rush to the site
1522. And, if luck was this day over their head
1523. They would find the fire alive
1524. A gift from the sky
1525. With fire they could light the forest on fire
1526. And drive out the animals into their waiting arms
1527. With fire they could cook the food

And feel more satisfied
With fire, they could quell the terror of the night
The fire was precious
The tribe would have their King at the front carrying a torch
And the dauphin at the back carrying a torch
And in the middle another torch being carried
And there was never a time where the fire was not being carefully watched
If one fire went out, then it would quickly be rekindled by another
This would serve to keep the fire alive for days
Weeks
But rarely months
Eventually the rain would come and quench the torches
Or a great gust of wind would knock the tribe to the ground
And with it extinguish the fire
And when the fire was gone
Then the people of the tribe would again be hungry
Again have the terror of the night
Then, as now, extinction reigned
The tribe was not a tree growing towards the sky
But a seed in the darkness of a cave
Receiving no nourishment
Not empowered to flourish
In these times, there would be more meeting of tribes
While in the time of Eden other tribes would be full of peace
In these times of hardship the tribes would fear each other
Envying after their resources
Real or imagined
Some tribes would have fire
And it could be shared, or traded
Or used as a weapon
And there was no predicting if a hand would be extended in friendship
Or used to cast stones
During a time without fire,
When things had been especially bad
And death had become a sight as common as the rising sun
Another tribe without fire came to the small lake they were camped on
This was a tribe unlike others
Their numbers were not large
But they were well fed
Their skin clear
They still had laughter in the air
These were the people of Moses
A lost tribe
They saw the suffering and starvation of King's people
And left food on a large rock
It was a gesture of friendship
And a gesture of unimaginable wealth
King's King sent King to understand these new people
How could they have so much / When King's people had so little
King, as a warrior in his prime
And the dauphin
Was to scout and understand
What he witnessed was something he had never seen
In the evening, from his perch spying
Completely invisible to the new tribe
He witnessed the King of the new tribe / Take a stone from around his neck
And with a simple but powerful gesture

1585. Make sparks fly from the rock
1586. Onto dry tinder
1587. And a fire now existed
1588. Where before there had been no fire
1589. Now there was fire
1590. Just as if from the sky
1591. But instead from the hands of man
1592. King went back and talked to his King
1593. One on one
1594. And explained to him exactly what he saw
1595. The rock being used to make fire
1596. The power of the sky in a stone
1597. King's King said this
1598. “Our people are starving and dying”
1599. “We will disappear soon”
1600. “This is my family”
1601. “We witness the lion chase a gazelle for food”
1602. “These other people are not my people”
1603. “The survival of my people / Is the most important thing”
1604. “We must take the firestone from them”
1605. “And use it to save our people”
1606. “We could ask them to share”
1607. “I appreciate the generosity they have already shown us”
1608. “But if they say no”
1609. “Then they will be ready to defend the firestone”
1610. “And we will not be able to beat them in our weakened state”
1611. King and King's King made a plan
1612. A plan of evil to befall on the people of Moses / A plan to steal the firestone
1613. They told the rest of their tribe the truth: that the other tribe had a way to make fire
1614. And that for their survival they must take it
1615. What they did was this
1616. They brought their singers and dancers together / Wearing all their finery
1617. And went to the edge, as a full tribe, to where the Fire Tribe was camped
1618. Our singers sang songs of wind, the sun and love
1619. Our dancers kicked rhythm into the earth
1620. We still had the food that the Fire Tribe had brought us
1621. And what we did, without fire, was to make a feast
1622. We danced and enjoyed and became hedonistic
1623. The Fire Tribe saw our merriment
1624. And, instead of showing fear, decided to make merry with us
1625. Just as we have done in the present with the other tribe
1626. They expanded their circle
1627. And allowed us to join them at their fire
1628. They gave us torches to plant among our people / A gift of fire
1629. Our King's King put on the fire our strongest magic leaves
1630. And it was a celebration of man brought together
1631. Perhaps the two tribes could become one tribe
1632. Man becoming more in the face of annihilation
1633. Goodness growing from its fight with darkness
1634. There was a hypothesis
1635. This could have happened
1636. But what if in the morning the other tribe left?
1637. And then King and his people would have fire for some time
1638. But then lose it again
1639. And begin to starve again
1640. In the deepest of the night
1641. While the other tribe slept

1642. Each and every man and women of King's tribe silently awoke
1643. And, acting as one
1644. Used rocks they had piled
1645. Smashed in the heads of the people of the Fire Tribe
1646. Each and every man, woman and child
1647. They were fast and efficient
1648. By the time cries and screams were heard
1649. It was already too late
1650. The momentum had already begun
1651. The massacre was over quickly after it started
1652. Except that the King of the Fire Tribe was not there
1653. He was not among his people
1654. And there was no firestone
1655. King's people began to hunt for the King of the Fire Tribe
1656. Just as they would hunt a wild animal
1657. King was the one to find him
1658. Sitting under a tree / With a small stream behind him
1659. A baby in his arms / The firestone around the neck of the baby
1660. He did not say anything / His eyes black holes
1661. King went to him
1662. And with a rock smashed his head
1663. The head of the King of the Fire Tribe crushed like a melon
1664. King took the firestone from the neck of the baby
1665. But then, just as he was going to pulverize the baby
1666. The moon was obliterated from the sky
1667. Just like the sun had disappeared today
1668. And a true blackness descended around King
1669. King wondered if the world had decided to eat him for his evil
1670. He spent an eternity feeling the warm blood on his hands
1671. The darkness so absolute that he could see inside his own soul
1672. Gravity weighing the rock in his hands towards the baby
1673. And the wail of the baby in his ears
1674. King felt the weight of sin
1675. The moon came back
1676. But the fire of killing had abandoned King's hand
1677. He took the baby and the firestone to his King
1678. He showed his King the motion of how to start the fire
1679. And now, they could make fire
1680. But King's King told King to not share the secret
1681. For if others had the secret then they would be able to kill King
1682. But as long as they had the secret
1683. They were not men
1684. But nature / Lightning / Gods
1685. King did not ask if he could keep the baby
1686. But raised it as his own
1687. And of course the baby was Moses
1688. King stopped talking
1689. Night was beginning to blacken the day
1690. Moses did not say anything
1691. He had already known in his heart this story
1692. King looked at him with shadows blocking his face
1693. “I am telling you this because for every day, for every moment since I used a rock to take the lives of your people, I have known that my life has been lived in error”
1694. “I had been so sure that my purpose was to see the survival of my people”
1695. “But then, even having won that victory, I have seen my people continue to perish”
1696. “Continue to go hungry”
1697. “The firestone did not bring us back to Eden”

1698. “What I reflect on is that we were, for a moment, back in Eden”
1699. “When we were with the other tribe”
1700. “Around the fire”
1701. “Expanding the circle”
1702. “We were better together for it”
1703. “We had lost many”
1704. “But could have gained more”
1705. “Then we listened to the worst part in our hearts”
1706. “We listened to the part that said ‘These others will do evil to us, so let us do evil first’”
1707. “And our only victory has been the death of a chance at Eden”
1708. “Our victory was in fact a defeat”
1709. “And myself, I know that for all the good I may do in the world”
1710. “The blood on my hands has spoiled the story of my life”
1711. “And even in the infinite of the universe”
1712. “I will never be anything except an enemy to man”
1713. “An enemy to the potential that humans have to grow, flourish and fulfill our cosmic purpose”
1714. “I am the disease that kills people”
1715. “I am a murderer”
1716. “And so are my people”
1717. “But those who did not kill do not have blood on their hands”
1718. “And they still have hope”
1719. “While those who have blood on their hands, of who I am the last”
1720. “Our spirits are to be annihilated”
1721. “Even if I do good”
1722. “My spirit must be annihilated”
1723. “And no memory held for the life I lived”
1724. “Moses”
1725. “Our people are dying”
1726. “Not just the people of our tribe”
1727. “But our species”
1728. “I will die soon”
1729. “Death is in my air / I can feel it”
1730. “The sun disappearing today is linked to the moon disappearing”
1731. “Today is a reminder of the day I killed your father”
1732. “If I do not die tomorrow, then it will be before the next full moon, or before the next time a baby is born"
1733. “My time is being counted”
1734. “I need to tell you this now”
1735. “When I die”
1736. “You must be the one who leads our tribe”
1737. “Not Goliath”
1738. “For though Goliath does not carry my sins”
1739. “I am sure Goliath would repeat them again / For he cannot comprehend the evil of murder / Until after comitting the act of murder”
1740. “But you / The last of your blood / Understand the terror of genocide / You comprehend the evil of murder”
1741. “You will not choose to kill your fellow man”
1742. “We must grow from my mistakes”
1743. “You must find a way to make the circle of mankind grow”
1744. “Not shrink”
1745. “We must not go extinct”
1746. “We have not fulfilled our purpose in the universe yet”
1747. “I am sorry for the terror that I befell on your family”
1748. “You must not forgive me / I must accept my punishment”
1749. “You must be better than my weakness”
1750. “Myself and my blood could have chosen any destiny”
1751. “But instead we chose the destiny of death”
1752. “And that will only lead to more death”
1753. “You have the capacity to choose a destiny greater than this”

1754. “And then, my own people shall be free”
1755. “For no baby is born with the sin of their father”
1756. “And through your goodness, my people shall become your people”
1757. “And good shall triumph over evil”
1758. “And my own story will be forgotten”
1759. “Replaced with the story of goodness”

1760. Chapter VIII

1761. It is the night and we huddle around the fire and King is dying and near death
1762. His raspy breathing hurts my soul
1763. He who was so strong is now so weak
1764. There is silence except for the crackle of fire, the soft whisper of the wind and the rasp of King's final breaths
1765. "Please, hear my voice / While it is still in me to say it”
1766. “I appreciate my doom is here before me”
1767. “As I know how I lived my life”
1768. “I comprehend what awaits me in death”
1769. “There will be no afterlife for me”
1770. “My body will be absorbed into the ground”
1771. “And be nourishment for bugs and flowers”
1772. “Hopefully, they flourish”
1773. “In my life I tried for good”
1774. “I never gave up on the energy that I brought to all of you”
1775. “But I sacrificed my soul long ago”
1776. “I took the life of my fellow man”
1777. “And I sacrificed my soul”
1778. “Long ago”
1779. “I had hoped there was atonement”
1780. “I do believe now that there is atonement”
1781. “But not in a way that saves me”
1782. “Not in a way that saves my soul”
1783. “But, perhaps, in the example of my life”
1784. “Then you, the people that I love, the future of my species”
1785. “Will be my own afterlife”
1786. “Please listen and know that I do not know myself if there is truth in my words”
1787. “But what I am aware of is that these are the last words of my life”
1788. “I am weak, so please come close”
1789. “First, know that it is proper to defend yourself”
1790. “You must not allow those who would do evil to be unchallenged”
1791. “Letting yourself die unprotected is its own form of murder”
1792. “And I am sure as long as there is those who will do good / There will be those who do evil”
1793. “Protect yourselves / For our purpose is precious”
1794. “But do not cast the first stone”
1795. “Those that cast the first stone are not my people”
1796. “We must come together as a species”
1797. “We cannot tear ourselves apart”
1798. “And those that would tear others apart”
1799. “We will not cast the first stone against”
1800. “But nor will we save them”
1801. “For that is not our purpose”
1802. “Our purpose is something more holy”
1803. “Something to do with the concepts of infinite”
1804. “The way the light comes from the sun to awaken flowers”
1805. “We awaken in the morning and wonder what our purpose is”
1806. “And we do not know”
1807. “We awaken as a baby in our mothers arms and wonder what our purpose is”
1808. “And we do not know”
1809. “Here I die, surrounded by my loved ones”

1810. “And I wonder what my purpose is”
1811. “And still, I do not know”
1812. “But I know that a life well lived serves a higher purpose”
1813. “That a life well lived impacts the smallest grain of sand and the greatest reaches of the universe”
1814. “All things that exist are connected”
1815. “A common thread through all existence”
1816. “Infinite's rising ahead of us”
1817. “I do not know the future”
1818. “But I fear extinction”
1819. “And I fear extinction before man serves our purpose to the universe”
1820. “I cannot tell you how to live a life, outside of not casting the first stone”
1821. “But what I do know,”
1822. “What I do know”
1823. “Is that the entirety of the potential of mankind and the universe”
1824. “Is in every single one of us”
1825. “Is in all our ancestors”
1826. “Is in all our descendants”
1827. “Is in every single moment”
1828. “And that the purpose of existence will not be revelation as a flash”
1829. “But an understanding of something universal that is already in us"
1830. “So obvious we never thought to ask”
1831. “And I hope that by following our most true hearts”
1832. “That voice that lives in our most secret mind”
1833. “We do discover”
1834. “That revelation, which is our purpose in the universe”
1835. “I thank you for letting me live my life with you”
1836. “And I trust that as we are all warriors”
1837. “At war with the existence that seeks nothing but our annihilation”
1838. “That we remember the lesson of the flower”
1839. “A simple story of sun and good soil / And growing towards its purpose”
1840. “We can fight and flourish like the flower”
1841. “We will carry on with our holy mission / Like the flower”
1842. “I wish you the very best of luck”
1843. “I am glad I am not the last man alive”
1844. “If there is an afterlife, I will pray for all of you”
1845. King did not die that night
1846. But he did not speak again
1847. And the light left his eyes
1848. And the rasp of his breathing weakened
1849. And soon he was dead
1850. I will mourn him
1851. He who killed my father
1852. He who was the only father I ever knew
1853. What is it for man to be able to commit a sin that is unpardonable?
1854. I will mourn him
1855. Goliath asks me to go for a walk
1856. Just after the last breath escaped King
1857. And Grandma began wailing
1858. He tells me that King told him earlier that he wanted I, Moses, to lead
1859. But that at the very end he told Goliath that it should be Goliath who leads
1860. That my time will come
1861. But that our people need the blood of King in their leader
1862. I look at him and I diminish in myself
1863. Is it not for me to rise up and stop this usurpation?
1864. King had a wish
1865. And I diminish in myself
1866. I ask Goliath why he wants to lead

1867. He tells me that he knows the destiny of his people
1868. That he sees the promised land
1869. He asks me if I see the promised land? / If I know the path?
1870. I tell him the truth: I do not
1871. He asks me how can I be the leader if I do not know the direction to lead
1872. I give him silence / And I diminish
1873. He tells me he will be a good leader
1874. He tells me he will be the best leader our people could hope for
1875. I tell him then I will follow him as I followed King
1876. To which he says "No, you shall follow me as Goliath"
1877. We walk back to the tribe / Him head held high / Myself diminished

1878. Chapter IX

1879. Goliath is King
1880. Goliath is Goliath
1881. He speaks with his heart
1882. I respect him for this
1883. The words he says are not the words of King
1884. But then Goliath is Goliath
1885. He speaks like this
1886. “There was a time when we were in Eden”
1887. “And the land provided for us”
1888. “And everything was good”
1889. “We are not in Eden anymore”
1890. “And I tell you: I know the reason”
1891. “King told me the answer as he died”
1892. “Our killing of the firestone’s people was a sin”
1893. “And for this sin the magic in the firestone has laid a curse on us”
1894. “But we must fear not”
1895. “For in our sin is our salvation”
1896. “As I hold the firestone, I can feel that it is as the sky and the water and the moon”
1897. “It is a Force”
1898. “The firestone is a God”
1899. “As I sleep I can hear its voice”
1900. “And what it whispers to me in my dreams”
1901. “Is that it will lift the curse it has put on our tribe”
1902. “If we atone for our sins”
1903. “By bringing the firestone back across the mountain”
1904. “Back to Eden”
1905. “Back to its own people”
1906. “Where we shall beg forgiveness”
1907. “And seek to build a future together / As one tribe”
1908. “And we shall regain our lost paradise”
1909. “It is this that the firestone has told me”
1910. “We shall be cursed with death and hunger and fear”
1911. “Until we do as the firestone says”
1912. I question what Goliath is saying, but I see that he is seeking goodness
1913. And a path forward
1914. The mountain path scares me
1915. Death stalked us there before
1916. But the others are willing to follow Goliath
1917. Here I have a choice
1918. I know I have a choice
1919. I always have a choice
1920. King told me to lead
1921. And the path in my heart is different than the path Goliath suggests
1922. I do not believe that the firestone, treasure from my own people, is anything but a very special rock

It holds no voice
So then whose voice is leading Goliath?
Who is speaking in his dreams?
I do not believe going back to Eden is our salvation
Our elders left Eden as a wasteland
To go over the mountains to a wasteland is dangerous
There can be no atonement made to the firestone people
My own people
Because I know they are all dead
That I am the last
There is no atonement owed by anyone living
The killers are dead
King was the last
Now, we may not be trapped by this sins of the past
We must learn from our past to build a better future
We must not let King's life have been in vain
We must not let my people’s lives have been in vain
There is no purpose to find the bones of my mother and father and brothers and sisters
Whom I cannot remember
But who I still look in the stars and see
I have a choice
And if I choose to force my choice on the tribe
Then there will be a fight / A sin when we are so diminished
The right choice and the wrong choice at the same time
Or
I can choose to follow Goliath
And deny my heart
That which my heart tells me is truth
But avoid conflict
The wrong choice and the right choice at the same time
It is as the Heisenburg uncertainty principle
Either I interject my will
And change the trajectory of our people
Perhaps for the worse / Perhaps for the better
Or I follow
And do not know myself
I never asked for existence
But here I am
Being superimposed between the two choices
A choice must be made
Time flowing in a single dimension
Like a river full of forks
Today, I will follow Goliath
And I know that what starts today
Leads into tomorrow
I have chosen
I am living my life in vain
It is a sin, I know this

Chapter X

The tribe walks towards the mountains that rise to touch the evening moon
Piercing deep into the sky, like the teeth of an old woman
Goliath leads, holding the firestone as a totem
All others follow, I follow
We are more quiet than before
We remember those who died the last time we crossed these same mountains
I remember Dallas finding eggs to feed our children / Then dying that same night

In the evenings Goliath has us circle around him
Before he will set the fire he demands we recite words
We must apologize for our sins to the firestone
We must thank the firestone for making our fire
In the first days we address the firestone directly
As the days pass Goliath tells us to address him, not the firestone
For he is the translator of the firestone
One day Goliath tells a young girl
“You have not thanked the firestone properly”
He asks her to come with him for a lesson on the firestone
Alone and away
When she comes back she is a woman
Such is the way of the world
The firestone begins to tell Goliath many things
That he should have the best choice of food
That the leaf we smoke in the evenings should be only for him
That those whose attitude is not correct are disobeying the firestone
And the firestone asks for the punishment of the disobedient
Every night,
We thank the firestone
We thank the firestone through Goliath
And this bothers me
The firestone is just a stone
It is not a person
It is not a god
It is an object
One day while we are thanking the firestone
By thanking Goliath
I decide to push back
Just softly
"Goliath",
I say
"It is good for us to be thankful, but does the firestone really have a voice?"
Goliath jumps over to me and hits me on the side of the head with the firestone
Hard
I am on the ground
I am unable to see
The world is a series of colours I am unfamiliar with
Perhaps this is death?
But no, the colours clouding my vision part
Leaving terrific pain and the voice of Goliath
Not addressing me, instead addressing all the others
“We have been given the gift of fire from the firestone”
“This is what gives us heat in the evening”
“This is what makes our food so rich”
“This is what keeps us safe from the beasts of the night”
“The firestone is our God”
“We must do what it says”
“It has already shown us its power”
“It has taken Eden from us”
“If we anger the firestone it will take away what little we have left”
“Do you want our children to starve?”
“We must not anger our God”
“I know what it says”
“It speaks to me”
“All day I hear the voice of the firestone”
“And I tell you it is angry with us”

2036. “It is angry for it knows our hearts are not pure”
2037. “I have told the firestone that my heart is pure”
2038. “But the firestone tells me it is not the case of those around me”
2039. “And I tell the firestone how can that be?”
2040. “Everynight each and every one of our tribe swears to the firestone”
2041. “We are a pure people / Without lies”
2042. “And then”
2043. “And then”
2044. “I hear Moses blaspheme against the firestone”
2045. “And I know that again the firestone has spoken the truth”
2046. “Moses, I will strike you dead”
2047. “Brother that you are to me”
2048. “If you do not accept the holiness of the firestone”
2049. “The fact that it is our life / That we are its servants”
2050. “You are the last of the firestone’s people”
2051. “How can you be the most unappreciative?”
2052. “But now the mysterious words of the firestone are making sense to me”
2053. “I now know the truth!”
2054. “King did not sin by taking the firestone from your people”
2055. “King liberated the firestone!”
2056. “For your people were blasphemous”
2057. “And did not worship the firestone as it demanded”
2058. “And in your pride”
2059. “In your lack of worship”
2060. “The firestone used King and our people as a tool”
2061. “For the firestone is too precious to be worshipped insufficiently”
2062. “Moses,”
2063. “You are wrong”
2064. “The firestone tells me you are wrong”
2065. “The firestone tells me that you are a sinner”
2066. “That you are against the magic that the firestone brings to us”
2067. “And while I love you”
2068. “As my father King loved you”
2069. “I tell you, you must leave”
2070. “You must leave our tribe”
2071. “I exile you”
2072. “For there can be no crack in our servitude to the firestone”
2073. “For a crack can spread”
2074. “And we are chasing Eden”
2075. “The survival of our people”
2076. “Not doom / And decay / And death”
2077. “As you bring”
2078. “Leave, brother”
2079. “Leave or I shall kill you”
2080. “All,”
2081. “My people”
2082. “Gather stones”
2083. “And we will give Moses a moment”
2084. “For the firestone does not tell me to kill my brother”
2085. “But that he is a threat”
2086. “And as we would throw stones at an animal that threatens our babes”
2087. “So will we throw stones at Moses”
2088. “He who threatens something even more important than our babes”
2089. “The very existence of our species”
2090. “Which only exists at the pleasure of the firestone”
2091. “Go my brother”
2092. “Go Moses”

2093. “Go now”
2094. My head is in pain
2095. I see the others and I look to meet any eye
2096. But none stare at me
2097. Children gather stones / Obeying Goliath
2098. Amen looks at her feet / Grandma stands behind Goliath
2099. None stare at me
2100. I do not know what is in their hearts
2101. Be it fear or worship or other
2102. Be it fear or worship or the other
2103. What I know is that no one will help me
2104. And I do not wish to die here today
2105. I take my possessions and I walk away
2106. Into the cold
2107. Into exile
2108. Knowing in my heart
2109. That the thread of the future that is most open to me
2110. Is death in the wild
2111. My string of existence extinguished
2112. What sin is there in me?
2113. What sin is there in my heart?
2114. What sin is there in my heart / That has led to my extermination,
2115. And to the extermination of my people?
2116. Why is my soul stained with sin?
2117. For surely the universe has chosen to punish me for my sins
2118. But King said the next generation does not carry the sin of its fathers
2119. That there is no original sin
2120. And for all that the world has cursed me / I still trust my heart
2121. I renounce my curse
2122. I renounce my destiny
2123. I renounce every strand of reality except the one that is the truth in my heart
2124. I will trust only what is true inside my heart, no matter the cost
2125. I know death and annihilation are always at hand
2126. That existence is a thin blanket in the void of non-existence
2127. I know that of the billion realities that could be / The one I chase is unlikely to pass
2128. But I shall still only follow the truth in my heart
2129. For following the truth is the meaning of my life
2130. As I walk into exile I shed my past weakness as a snake sheds its skin
2131. I undergo metamorphosis
2132. I choose now, in my exile, to name the truth in my heart God
2133. And I create a name for the truth in my heart
2134. For Truth is Asha
2135. And I create a name for the purpose in following Asha
2136. For Purpose is Dharma
2137. Our Purpose is our Dharma / And our Dharma is to follow Asha / And our Asha is Truth / The Truth of our heart
2138. I know in my heart that the firestone is not God
2139. It is nothing but a stone that Goliath has transformed into an idol
2140. And while that can have meaning,
2141. The meaning that we give it
2142. It can give direction to an aimless person
2143. It is the wrong answer
2144. To the right question
2145. What then does my own heart say?
2146. As I walk away from my tribe
2147. The only people with ten fingers and ten toes that I have seen in many sunrises
2148. I discover,
2149. In my heart

2150. And through the quantum pathways of my neocortex / As they remember infinite / As they operate outside of time
2151. I discover
2152. Several truths
2153. Every piece of me
2154. Every string of DNA
2155. Every atom
2156. Has hardcoded in it a truth that is divine
2157. Divine in the way that Goliath has given to the firestone
2158. But coming from within
2159. Not from without
2160. At every moment of my life I have heard the song that lives so deep inside me
2161. A music that washes over the whole of existence
2162. That which tells the flower to grow towards the sun
2163. And the earth to provide nurture to the flower
2164. This same truth vibrates over all existence
2165. Surrounding us as the water surrounds a fish
2166. So universal that we do not see it
2167. It is Asha
2168. Asha is Truth
2169. Asha is the aether
2170. Asha is what we carry from before the big bang
2171. Asha is what tells the flower to rise towards the sun
2172. Asha is what is at the very end of a neural pathway
2173. Asha is physical / Asha is spiritual / Asha is in every moment
2174. Asha is Truth
2175. Why have I ignored the song of Asha in my heart?
2176. Why have I not followed my Asha?
2177. Because I am a follower?
2178. But to follow in opposition to Asha is a sin
2179. I have followed the darkness because to follow the light is just too hard
2180. I have not been strong enough to follow my Asha
2181. I must be strong enough to follow my Asha
2182. Even if the world shall turn to fire
2183. And there is but one safe place
2184. And all others go to safety inside this sanctuary
2185. If the truth of my Asha
2186. That thread which is in me every moment of my life
2187. Tells me "NO", do not go
2188. Then I shall not follow the rest of humanity
2189. Then what is my Dharma? / The purpose of my life?
2190. It is the same for a man as for a flower
2191. It is the easiest thing to know / And the hardest thing to do
2192. Just follow Asha
2193. I just need to follow the truth of my Asha to live a good life
2194. This is my Dharma
2195. For existence is a fools game
2196. Flowers bloom / Then fall to the earth and become dirt
2197. Most of existence will decay away
2198. A wave that disappears, leaving no ripple
2199. But not all existence must decay away
2200. Chaos theory just half of reality
2201. For, as with the wind from the wings of a butterfly
2202. Or a single drop of rain
2203. A change at the right place
2204. At the right time
2205. Can transform the universe
2206. The universe always has the potential of metamorphosis

2207. Just as our bodies are a universe
2208. That before birth existed
2209. And after death will exist
2210. For we are matter and matter is energy
2211. And energy can neither be created or destroyed, just transformed
2212. The fundamental equation of the universe being energy equals energy
2213. We have a purpose
2214. We have a purpose
2215. And our purpose is to follow the Asha in our heart
2216. To not hide from the voice that is in every moment of our existence
2217. For lying in the face of Asha
2218. Is original sin
2219. I have been weak
2220. But in my isolation I shall be weak no longer
2221. I will follow this Truth / Asha / Dharma / Purpose / The Holy Spirit
2222. And with it, I have the potential to unlock the universe
2223. Whatever that may mean, I do not know
2224. But I know that by not following Asha
2225. All there is / Is darkness
2226. The extinguishing of the infinite strand of hope
2227. I will go hand in hand with my heart
2228. There is a piece of truth in my heart that I can understand
2229. A spiritual Polaris
2230. A translation of theory into the world around me
2231. It is not in my purpose to witness my people
2232. The people of the tribe that exterminated my only blood
2233. To exterminate themselves
2234. The extermination of my brothers and sisters is not Asha
2235. The extermination of my brothers and sisters is not my Dharma
2236. I follow the tribe from a distance
2237. Easily following the smoke of the fire
2238. As I follow
2239. I begin to make a prayer in my heart
2240. That from this day forward
2241. I will say every day / Until my dying day
2242. Be that tomorrow or in the future when the sun extinguishes forever
2243. I will say it as I wash myself
2244. The prayer is like this
2245. “Thank you my God”
2246. “For this day”
2247. “I hope that I see beauty, share beauty, revel in beauty and be beauty”
2248. “May I be ever expanding peace, perfection and grace”
2249. “Mind, body and soul”
2250. “May I be as a tree”
2251. “Absorbing all that the world throws at me”
2252. “But putting out only goodness”
2253. “May I be as a seed”
2254. “Growing towards my purpose”
2255. “My God,”
2256. “May I this day”
2257. “As a leader or a follower”
2258. “The first or the last”
2259. “Standing on the shoulders of giants”
2260. “Giants standing on my own shoulders"
2261. “Alone, or with a tribe”
2262. “With your hand on my hand, on the tiller of my life”
2263. “May we work towards a quantum optimization”

2264. “Of myself and those around me”
2265. “To be scalably empowered”
2266. “To achieve our cosmic purpose”
2267. “Just as a seed grows into a tree transforms into a star”
2268. “Or Gravity brings mass together”
2269. “To supernova”
2270. “To form black holes”
2271. “May human beings be empowered to fulfil our cosmic purpose”
2272. “May I be unwavering and disciplined as I seek my quantum optimization”
2273. “Watch over those that I love”
2274. “May I make today count”
2275. I continue forward
2276. Every step may be a step where I fall
2277. Struck by lightning
2278. Attacked by an animal
2279. But every step that the universe deigns to give me
2280. Is a step forward
2281. And I will not squander it
2282. I have fear
2283. But I will not be defined by my fear
2284. I will follow my Dharma
2285. I will follow Asha

2286. Part 3

2287. Chapter XI

2288. I am asleep
2289. I know I am asleep because I just fell asleep
2290. Alone, with the faint light of the tribe in the distance
2291. Worried about beasts of the night devouring my flesh
2292. The things one worries about in the night alone
2293. And now I am awoken
2294. This must be a dream
2295. Or it is death
2296. Or some other realm which I do not know
2297. I do not normally dream
2298. But I think this may be a dream
2299. This feeling of reality
2300. The ground feels like the ground
2301. The air smells like the air, crisp
2302. I am sitting by the fire
2303. King is telling a story
2304. The rest of the tribe is here
2305. Not as we are
2306. But as we were long ago
2307. Dallas still with us
2308. Amen with the beauty of untapped youth
2309. Even myself, my legs have an energy
2310. As if I should dance
2311. A smile plays on Grandma's lips
2312. She looks at me / And I think she knows what is going on
2313. I know this is not real
2314. But I wrap myself in it
2315. The comfort of the fire and King's voice
2316. Carrying me away
2317. This was a time of peace
2318. How nice it was

2319. How nice it was
2320. My head is nodding off
2321. Falling asleep in my own dream
2322. I stand and walk over to the sleeping area
2323. Putting my feet towards the fire
2324. Curling with the children and others, all of us keeping warm
2325. I vaguely wonder if going to sleep in a dream means I will wake up in reality
2326. That would be too bad
2327. It is nice in this dream
2328. If I could just stay here forever
2329. Is that what death is?
2330. The air stays crisp
2331. As the universe melts away around me
2332. Asleep
2333. Then
2334. Shouting
2335. It is Dallas
2336. Alive and vibrant
2337. Shaking me
2338. “Moses!”
2339. “We are in danger”
2340. “We are being attacked”
2341. “Come quickly”
2342. I jump to my feet”
2343. And Dallas is running
2344. And I follow after him
2345. I yell at him
2346. “What is happening?”
2347. He does not respond
2348. I keep running
2349. It is just the two of us
2350. I stop and he stops
2351. “You must come”
2352. “Do you not care about our safety?”
2353. The sky is a colour between blue, purple and grey
2354. “I do not understand”
2355. I am asleep again
2356. But still in the dream
2357. Dallas has gone
2358. And I am now waking up
2359. And Amen is curled next to me
2360. And it feels good to have this warm body next to me
2361. I look down at her
2362. And she looks up at me
2363. And smiles
2364. And I smile back
2365. She whispers to me
2366. “Our child will have your eyes”
2367. “I am sure”
2368. “And we shall name the child Messiah”
2369. “For whether a boy or a girl”
2370. “He will be the saviour”
2371. “She will be the saviour”
2372. “Tell me you will sacrifice anything”
2373. “For our child”
2374. I look to her
2375. Confused

2376. And stroke her hair
2377. And say nothing
2378. And she says again
2379. “Tell me”
2380. And I should tell her
2381. But what is it she is telling me?
2382. I look at the sky
2383. And I see the stars of the universe
2384. Infinite black
2385. With pinholes of luminescence
2386. Down is up
2387. Up is down
2388. I am awake
2389. There is a spear in my hand
2390. There is a sobbing adolescent at my feet
2391. Goliath is shouting at me
2392. “He was the one who told the tribe where your people are”
2393. “He was fucking one of our girls”
2394. “And we caught him and he told us the magic of the firestone”
2395. “To save himself!”
2396. “Strike him down”
2397. “For the honour of your father”
2398. “For the honour of your mother”
2399. I throw the staff down
2400. And I begin running away
2401. The air tasting acrid
2402. Goliath shouts after me
2403. “You are a-tribe-one, last of your own people”
2404. I am awoken again
2405. Dallas and Amen and Goliath are here
2406. “It is time”
2407. “We must go”
2408. “You must follow us”
2409. “You must trust us”
2410. I wish as a child to shut my eyes / To cover my ears
2411. And avoid the universe that is displayed around me
2412. These are not the trajectories that I wish to go through
2413. These are not the quantum paths that I wish to live through
2414. This is not Asha
2415. I want to be myself
2416. I stand and run
2417. And they chase me
2418. Dallas on my back,
2419. His teeth suddenly in my flesh
2420. Goliath taking a giant rock
2421. That I see crashing towards my head
2422. And above his hands
2423. Again the night sky
2424. And then I find myself floating in blackness
2425. Nothing but my mind
2426. I cannot feel my body
2427. And then I am in a cave
2428. And it is full of the light of the day
2429. But we are fully inside
2430. Where does this light come from?
2431. King is sitting on a chair,
2432. The grandeur of which I have never seen before

2433. Light comes from him
2434. As water comes from a waterfall
2435. He looks to me
2436. “Moses,”
2437. “How did you come to be here?”
2438. “What takes you here today?”
2439. “No one is supposed to visit me here”
2440. “Only the very few”
2441. “Tarkovsky was the last”
2442. “What can I do for you?”
2443. Words come out of my mouth but they are not my own words
2444. Then I blink and the world is changed
2445. It is still King
2446. But he looks tired
2447. And the light has stopped coming from him
2448. “Moses, how did you come to be here?”
2449. “You are the the last one here before Taerkoevskiy”
2450. “Can you do me a favour?”
2451. And I stand and begin running again
2452. And King shouts
2453. “Why do you run?”
2454. And then I see Amen
2455. “Why do you run?”
2456. And Goliath and Dallas and Amen and King are chasing me
2457. And I run
2458. And then there is Grandma
2459. Under a tree
2460. In darkness / Wrapping her like the wings of a raven
2461. “RUN!”
2462. And I keep running
2463. And there is a cliff in front of me
2464. And if I go over the cliff I shall surely perish
2465. And my feet carry me over the cliff
2466. And I am not dead
2467. I am in a field of grass
2468. And the field of grass is on fire
2469. And the air is an orange haze
2470. And death is chasing me at every angle
2471. And in these grasses my doom is searching for me
2472. And as the fire scours searching for me
2473. I lie on my back
2474. Feeling the ground
2475. And I look to the sky
2476. And it is black
2477. And full of stars
2478. And I fall into it
2479. As if through the meniscus of a flat body of water
2480. My changing from matter to energy to time
2481. And it feels as if the entire world is made of rainbows
2482. And a sense that is like seeing
2483. Or touching
2484. Is given to me
2485. And it was not there before
2486. It is like being a tree
2487. With roots connecting me to the universe around me
2488. I can feel my before
2489. I can feel my after

All at the same time
As if they are one and the same
And I see these black ants eating my flesh
And I wonder if I can breath
And there is no oxygen
My lungs screaming
But then a new lung opens
And I breath in the air of a new aether
I awaken again
This time alone
With the faint vision of the fire in the distance / Surrounding Goliath's tribe
I am worried about hostile animals
Coming to savage my soft body
I am worried for Goliath and Dallas and Amen and King
Those who are not the real thems
But the black ants eating my trunk
What is this cancer inhabiting their minds?
I am scared and alone
But yet
I am also the great tree that I was in my dream
I can feel my backwards and I can feel my forwards
Was this feeling always here?
It is so obvious how I am connected in the world
The past an infinite number of variables
Combining at this exact point of who I am
The future an infinite number of variables
Exploding forward
From this very moment
Who I am
I have choice
The future comes from this moment
I weave the future
I dream new realities
I expand infinite
I can see the lattices and webs all around me
Each painting a scene as to a hypothesis of what the universe can be
And all there is in me
Is the present
As I choose the point along my pasts and futures
Of where I choose to exist
And I am scared
For I do not know the right way
But then, I am not scared
For I do know the way
For there is only one right way
And while it may be the hardest
I know the path forward / It is Asha / It is Dharma
It is the path of God
And all else is our annihilation

Chapter XII

And what do I make of all of this?
I do not feel designed to answer these questions that vibrate through my head
I cannot deny the temptation to give up
I am in exile
Spurned and outcast by those I love
Those of my own blood killed at the hands of those who are now my people

2546. Still my people / Even as they exile me
2547. I can feel the weight of the universe holding me down to the ground
2548. Stopping me from rising into the air / Like smoke from a fire
2549. If only I could be smoke
2550. Rising so elegantly
2551. If only I could be fire
2552. Why cannot I be free?
2553. To act as if Gravity is not a Force
2554. To change from darkness to light to heat to energy
2555. To ignore the realities of the world as if they are nothing
2556. Light and heat instead of matter and choice
2557. But then what if the fire looks with envy at my being?
2558. Jealous of my ability to perceive abstract thought
2559. What if Gravity is not my enemy
2560. But my ally
2561. Misunderstood
2562. Both of us lost / Both of us trying to follow the same Asha
2563. But so isolated that we both lost the question of 'Why do we act?'
2564. We just know the way we act is our nature / We have no ability to turn off / We are only on
2565. Perhaps there is nothing more than our nature
2566. Particles forgetting we are also a wave
2567. I am sure of one thing
2568. I am not a slave to the universe
2569. Even if the universe for reasons I cannot understand seeks to hide this truth
2570. I do have free will
2571. I have the free will to go back to Goliath and beg forgiveness
2572. I have the freedom to curl on my side
2573. To wait for cold, hunger and animals to take my life away
2574. Freedom is always in my hands
2575. There is only one thing I do not have freedom over
2576. I do not have the freedom to choose my purpose
2577. I have the freedom to choose to follow my purpose / Or to not follow my purpose
2578. Which is the same as to choose to exist / Or to choose not to exist
2579. But I do not have the freedom to choose my purpose
2580. I can feel Asha reverberating in every cell of my existence
2581. The truth of the universe hard coded into every string of my DNA
2582. The channels existing in my quantum neural network since before the big bang
2583. A true path lit bright as lightning through the middle of my mind, so bright it burns and blinds
2584. A path that comes from a dimension other than the one we sit in
2585. And where this path leads is the purpose of our being the Weak Nuclear Force
2586. For we are the Weak Nuclear Force / Did you not know?
2587. One of the four Forces / Along with Gravity, Electromagnetism and the Strong Nuclear Force
2588. We are not just man / But also a fundamental Force of nature
2589. Not separate from the mathematics of the universe / Instead, a variable
2590. Human beings passing only forward in time
2591. Changing the world around us
2592. Expanding infinite by dreaming of new paths forward
2593. Only one in a billion of our paths bear fruit
2594. But one in a billion is infinitely larger than zero
2595. And zero is what we have if we do not try
2596. This is the path of purpose
2597. For even though existence is empty and cold and terror eats my heart
2598. The path of truth is still in front of me / Just as it is in front of you / For while there is life / There is Asha / And the choice to follow Asha
2599. And what we have freedom over is whether we ignore our purpose
2600. Or whether we follow our purpose
2601. But if I am to follow my purpose

2602. Then I have no freedom
2603. For there is only one path of truth
2604. It is a mountain to climb to the very summit
2605. And
2606. The most challenging path imaginable
2607. Ignoring all those other paths
2608. For they do not lead to the summit
2609. And what do I find if I reach the summit?
2610. I do not know
2611. I do not know if there is a part of destiny to ever reach the summit
2612. That may be more than me or mankind or even Gravity will every achieve
2613. But if I go as high as I can and lay a thin sprinkling of dust
2614. Then those who come after me will be slightly higher
2615. Slightly closer to heaven
2616. And it is here that there is eternal life
2617. It is here we plant the seeds of the future
2618. Growing into a tree
2619. That can grow to touch the sun
2620. And then when we've touched the sun
2621. We spread to the stars
2622. And once we have all the universe as a single garden
2623. And everything in existence is together
2624. Then we are at God
2625. Or with God's purpose
2626. For the reason why the universe exists
2627. Is fulfilled
2628. Instead of unfulfilled
2629. And where the universe goes afterwards / Is up to the universe
2630. I now understand / My metamorphosis is complete
2631. I know how to live my life
2632. To act not in metaphor and theory
2633. But to act on my purpose / To follow my Dharma
2634. To act on the honesty of my heart / To act on Asha
2635. To not give up
2636. To be the Weak Nuclear Force
2637. To unwaveringly work towards my purpose
2638. No matter the low odds of my achieving my purpose
2639. To act without cease
2640. To embrace being a Force like Gravity / Or a particlewave of light
2641. To work tirelessly towards my purpose
2642. The universe so vast and infinitesimal at the same time
2643. But that shall not stop me taking this first step
2644. The first step is for me to choose to follow my Asha
2645. The first step is to choose to exist
2646. And not choose my own extinction
2647. The next choice is to bring my people with me
2648. For I am but one
2649. And this is a task for forever
2650. And together with my people we are a force multiplier
2651. Many rays of light / To shine in every direction
2652. A field of flowers / To find the path to bloom
2653. A wave of linked humanity / Made up of our individual persons to form a collective
2654. The song of our voice carrying our truth from the beginning of the universe until its end
2655. The unbroken path of Asha / The lightning in each and every one of our minds / Made manifest
2656. The potential is there / If but one in a billion / The potential is there / If we choose to act towards it
2657. It would be a shame for the universe to lose our voice
2658. For we can be the equation that connects the universe together

2659. Our hands the link between Gravity and light
2660. We have the potential / Even if we do not know it
2661. Each of us enslaved in Plato’s cave
2662. Each of us wearing self made chains
2663. All of us born without frames of reference
2664. A baby on our back overloaded by sensory input
2665. Turn it off / Turn it off
2666. It takes a life of living to understand what life is
2667. Yet we get to live just once
2668. Easy lies have clouded our judgement
2669. “This is not the life that counts, it is the next one”
2670. Looking backwards to try to understand forwards
2671. When the future is not yet written
2672. We must be more than the sum of our parts
2673. A network together
2674. Then, once we are together, we shall follow the flowers
2675. Follow the fire
2676. Follow the smoke
2677. And follow the rising sun
2678. Which I am not sure why
2679. But I know is my Dharma
2680. To bring energy together
2681. From fire to the sun
2682. All energy must be one
2683. It will bring us to the future that is our potential
2684. If we could go backwards to our beginning
2685. The origin of the first particlewave of light
2686. That could be the fastest path to purpose
2687. But we can only go forward
2688. That is the curse of the Weak Nuclear Force
2689. We can only go forward
2690. So let us follow where the particlewave of light ends
2691. In my end is my beginning
2692. Time a one way journey for man
2693. In my beginning is my end
2694. As the Weak Nuclear Force we are slaves to our own laws of the universe
2695. We experience the anomaly of choice
2696. The most terrifying aspect in the entirety of the universe
2697. The temptation of the devil
2698. For as we are free
2699. Then we have the sole ability in all the universe
2700. To deviate from our purpose
2701. When our purpose
2702. Is just as the flower’s
2703. Just as Gravity’s
2704. Just as a particlewave’s of light
2705. To be one
2706. Everything in existence to be one
2707. Free will our temptation
2708. Free will our original sin
2709. Free will distracting us from our purpose
2710. Our purpose to fulfill our role in the universe
2711. Asha
2712. Dharma
2713. Truth

2714. Chapter XIII

2715. I arrive to the tribe during the late afternoon sun
2716. They are setting up camp preparing for nightfall
2717. I walk to the edge
2718. They all see me but say nothing
2719. They look to Goliath
2720. They look away
2721. They do not look at me
2722. But it is obvious I am here
2723. The tribe is just a handful left / How have we become so few?
2724. What if we are the last human beings on earth?
2725. Goliath looks at me / His eyes frustrated and angry
2726. “You are not to be here”
2727. “You have not listened to the power of the firestone”
2728. “You bring bad luck to my tribe”
2729. “Leave”
2730. I say
2731. “No”
2732. “We are all one people”
2733. “We are better together than separate”
2734. Goliath says
2735. “This is not the case”
2736. “We are better without your poison”
2737. “Leave”
2738. “Or I will kill you”
2739. “Which I have no wish to do”
2740. “Little brother”
2741. Our voice’s sound waves cross each other in the air
2742. I feel there are words I can say that will bring us together / I feel there are words I can say that will push us apart
2743. I choose to say the words of Asha
2744. “I will not leave”
2745. “The firestone is not God”
2746. “It is the wrong thing to search for Eden”
2747. “There is no going back”
2748. “Time only goes forward”
2749. “No matter how much we may wish it to go backwards”
2750. “That is not our destiny or our fate”
2751. “We can only go forward”
2752. “Goliath, we are dying”
2753. “We will all die if we try to go back to Eden”
2754. “We are weak and the mountains are fierce”
2755. “Eden is no more”
2756. “I cannot let you kill our people”
2757. “We have a purpose to fulfill”
2758. Goliath looks at me
2759. “These are not your people”
2760. “Your people are dead”
2761. “We are not even the same species”
2762. “We come from different dimensions”
2763. “The firestone a-tribe-oned your people”
2764. “For you were not following its wishes”
2765. “We do not share the same God”
2766. “You have no God”
2767. “I will not let your poison kill my people / The firestone was right to genocide your people”
2768. “Leave, or I will kill you”
2769. “Small one”

2770. The wind blows, the others are silent
2771. Extinction will come as a silence / I feel the urge to diminish
2772. “King's final wish was to not kill our own people”
2773. Goliath’s eyes are two dark caves sucking light / Light does not escape
2774. “You are not my people”
2775. “King died as a failure”
2776. Goliath takes a spear and runs at me
2777. Sharp end low / Back end high
2778. The same way as if we were killing a wild hog on the plain
2779. Goliath is near double my size
2780. I have no weapon
2781. Is it here where I will die?
2782. What is it to survive? / If I survive I will be a killer
2783. I will lose my soul / I will lose my eternal life
2784. I watch Goliath moving / I am outside of time
2785. I can feel all the paths forward / I can feel that I have choice
2786. My brain disconnects
2787. I allow it to disconnect,
2788. Yes, it is not by accident
2789. Like jumping from a cliff into a river / I tell my body ‘Move’
2790. I do not deny my choice
2791. And now I am in the air and my body sings and screams in the vacuum
2792. I step sideways and trip Goliath
2793. I use his momentum
2794. He is on the ground, twisting to get back up
2795. I take a rock from the ground
2796. And I move sideways around Goliath
2797. All of this happening in the length of time that it takes for a raven to cry
2798. With all my force I swing the rock against the side of Goliath's head
2799. I can feel the side of Goliath's head go from solid to mush
2800. I can hear the side of Goliath's head go from solid to mush
2801. And his head is now soft
2802. And I bring my arm up and I bring it down again
2803. And I bring it down again and I bring it down again
2804. Fast
2805. For I have chosen survival
2806. My survival
2807. And if Goliath stands back up
2808. Then I will not survive
2809. And I look down
2810. And there is no face left to my brother
2811. And I am covered in blood
2812. I have taken the life of another / Of my brother
2813. I have forfeit my soul
2814. I will have no afterlife
2815. I have committed a forever sin
2816. May I do what I can / To be the wind that blows the spark of my people to a better place / Where they can conflagrate
2817. For my soul shall never leave this valley
2818. I stand
2819. I tear the firestone from my brother’s chest
2820. I throw it into the pool of water that the tribe is camped next to
2821. There is silence from the other tribe members / They stare at me / Waiting for me to react
2822. “There is no God in the firestone”
2823. “Goliath is dead”
2824. “I am his killer”
2825. “You are not his killer”
2826. “I mourn my brother”

2827. “I apologize to you all”
2828. “We have lost a good man”
2829. “You shall kill me if you believe it best”
2830. “But then you must mourn twice”
2831. “For you will have lost two brothers today”
2832. “And you will need to stain your own hands with blood, even if I take my own life”
2833. “For I will not take my life unless you order me"
2834. “For even without a soul / I can still serve the universe”
2835. “Goliath was taking us down a false path”
2836. “Have your sleeps been easy?”
2837. “Have your souls been at peace?”
2838. “I take on my own shoulders the sin of stopping Goliath”
2839. “I forfeit my soul”
2840. “I will leave my spirit here”
2841. “Where I committed an unpardonable sin”
2842. “But, now that it is done”
2843. “And with endless sadness”
2844. “I do not apologize”
2845. “For the future of our species is more important than the life of a single man”
2846. “My act of killing does not mean you are killers”
2847. “Your souls are still pure”
2848. “The seed of the future of humanity is still in you”
2849. “May my sacrifice not be in vain”
2850. “May Goliath's sacrifice not be in vain”
2851. “May King’s life not have been in vain”
2852. “May the lives of our ancestors not have been in vain”
2853. “Though I am no leader”
2854. “I ask you to listen to how I am choosing to live my life”
2855. “And I invite you to join me”
2856. “Because we are of one cloth”
2857. “We are of one destiny”
2858. “And I have given myself absolutely to our shared destiny”
2859. “I am a slave to our destiny”
2860. “I promise you that until my last breath”
2861. “I shall do my best to lead us to safety”
2862. “To a future”
2863. “May we have children”
2864. “May our children have children”
2865. “And our children's children have children”
2866. “May our children outlive the sun”
2867. “We all know we are dying”
2868. “That we are a seed which has the potential to grow into a tree”
2869. “And instead we dissipate into the aether”
2870. “We are not imbuing our potential”
2871. “Imagine if all of our energy came together / What the tree could be”
2872. “Roots growing through the universe”
2873. “We could be a Force such as Gravity, light or time”
2874. “Or, we could follow our current path and become nothing”
2875. “The universe just growing colder and more chaotic”
2876. “We have a choice”
2877. “We can give up and let the universe annihilate us, one at a time”
2878. “Person by person”
2879. “We know our extinguishment is the likeliest scenario”
2880. “That the world is too much for us”
2881. “So let us curl up and die”
2882. “We can make this choice”
2883. “But the same way as Goliath attacked me”

2884. “And I responded”
2885. “To stay alive”
2886. “I myself”
2887. “Feel in the roots of my spirit”
2888. “In the roots of my Dharma”
2889. “In the light of my Asha”
2890. “That as the world attempts to extinguish us”
2891. “That I will not let it”
2892. “That I will not let it”
2893. “I will fight to survive to my last breath”
2894. “Just as the roots of our matter slipped through the big bang”
2895. “Dormant for our own definition of infinite”
2896. “Awakened in the sun and water and oxygen of earth”
2897. “Evolved into cells, into plants, into fish, into vertebrates, into neocortexes”
2898. “Ourselves being an unbroken chain of survival since before the universe”
2899. “I will not give up / And be the end of the chain”
2900. “Even as with the death of my spirit / I complete the genocide of my people”
2901. “I know that the actions I take / Small though they are”
2902. “Are more than nothing”
2903. “And if I do nothing / Then the only result is nothing”
2904. “While if we try for survival / Rare though our odds are”
2905. “We have a chance”
2906. “It will be very challenging”
2907. “But we are not slaves to the universe”
2908. “Though the universe hides this fact from us / For reasons that are mysterious”
2909. “We are free”
2910. “And in our freedom we can imagine new worlds / We can imagine new paths”
2911. “We can expand infinite by imagining new realities”
2912. “For infinite is just the sum of all probability / And we can invent that which did not exist before”
2913. “We can take actions every day”
2914. “To work towards the mountain that is our purpose”
2915. “That path that is in front of us / In all of our minds”
2916. “The top of the mountain is our Dharma”
2917. “And we will achieve our Dharma by each and every step we take”
2918. “Being a step that is true to our Asha”
2919. “For following Asha is the path of Dharma”
2920. “I vow to not take any step that is not towards the top of this mountain”
2921. “And if you feel the same”
2922. “Then let us go together”
2923. “Let us grow towards our Dharma together”
2924. “Let us generate what it means to be alive”
2925. “May we be more than the sum of our parts”
2926. “And instead of being as the wild animal”
2927. “Only seeking domination, prey and fucking”
2928. “Let us follow what is in our deepest spirit”
2929. “To listen to the voice of Asha that is in every single piece of our existence”
2930. “Hardcoded into our DNA”
2931. “A voice singing from the quantum crevices of our neocortexes”
2932. “This voice singing that we must fulfill our purpose”
2933. “I do not know what our purpose is”
2934. “I am sorry that I cannot give you clear answers”
2935. “But I cannot”
2936. “I awakened into this reality like you, the tip of an evolutionary chain”
2937. “I awakened into this life without any memory”
2938. “I did not know anything when I was born”
2939. “But the journey of life has taught me many lessons”
2940. “What I can tell you is that I believe I have purpose”

2941. “What I can tell you is that I believe you have purpose”
2942. “And that purpose is to follow God”
2943. “And God is not the firestone”
2944. “I am not God”
2945. “God is not a man”
2946. “God is the Asha in my heart”
2947. “God is the Asha in your heart”
2948. “God is Asha”
2949. “Asha is truth”
2950. “God is truth”
2951. “God is everywhere in the universe”
2952. “God is found in every flower that grows towards the sun”
2953. “And as the flower knows the voice of God”
2954. “Then our first step is simple”
2955. “Let us be as the flower”
2956. “Let us too grow towards the sun”
2957. “Let us harness the power of fire”
2958. “For fire is the hand of God”
2959. “Just as we, ourselves, are also the hand of God”
2960. “May human beings and fire be one”
2961. “So let us all work together”
2962. “For we are only as powerful as those of us that choose to be together”
2963. “An interconnected field, a network of neocortexes”
2964. “And whatever it is in our core that gives us truth”
2965. “Linked together with sound and light and time”
2966. “Acting as one”
2967. “More powerful as a unity / Than a disunity”
2968. “And may we this day”
2969. “Take the first step”
2970. “In fulfilling our purpose”
2971. “Our purpose in being a Force in the universe / Acknowledging that we are the Weak Nuclear Force”
2972. “And in the morning”
2973. “May we walk towards the sun”
2974. “Beginning the journey of mankind’s unification with fire”
2975. “And for this evening”
2976. “I will make a cairn for my brother Goliath”
2977. “Will you join me in honouring my dead brother?”
2978. “A good man”
2979. “Misguided”
2980. “As we are all misguided”
2981. “That is no sin”
2982. “Life is a confusion”
2983. “There are many temptations”
2984. “There are many false idols”
2985. “There are many deceptions”
2986. “But there is only one Asha”

2987. Chapter XIV

2988. (Narrator)
2989. Hey, it’s me the narrator, sorry to intrude
2990. Let’s pause the story here for a second and catch our breath
2991. There are not so many chapters of the story left
2992. Things rarely are easy are they?
2993. Over the tribe
2994. The momentum of extermination / Carries forward its specter
2995. A shadow
2996. Separating everyone from the sun of their purpose

2997. Each and every member / Mentally scarred by the life they have lived
2998. Even though the grace of purpose is within reach
2999. The easiest thing imaginable to grasp
3000. To leave the darkness of the cave
3001. By simply opening their eyes
3002. To say yes
3003. To where before they said no
3004. The members of the tribe are suffering to make this choice
3005. As a fish out of water
3006. Trying to use their gills
3007. For they have not tried their new lungs
3008. This is the real history of life
3009. Human beings often feel as if we are the end of a line
3010. Failing to see our own place
3011. As nothing but a middle point
3012. A moment in time
3013. With the potential of all infinite in front of us
3014. We trap ourselves looking backwards
3015. When all we have is the future / And the choices we make
3016. And the terror that stirs in us
3017. Mankind with the will to live
3018. Until that will is gone
3019. And then all there is / Is death
3020. The era of human beings ending with a whimper
3021. Never attaining the evolved beauty and euphony / Of a flower
3022. We are close to a genetic mistake
3023. Under evolved primates
3024. With over evolved neocortexes
3025. Existential orangutans
3026. A sideways of evolution
3027. Built to make the best use / Of the sort of hunting / That our feeble claws allow us
3028. We can only seek to understand reality / The best that our flaws allows us
3029. I believe in the most firm trenches of my soul
3030. I believe in the most quantum trenches of my neocortex
3031. That the universe has direction
3032. That God has direction
3033. That flowers have direction
3034. That human beings have direction
3035. There is purpose
3036. But the world is not predetermined
3037. We are in a quantum universe
3038. With billions of diverging and converging possibilities
3039. We have choice
3040. The big bang was an optional happening
3041. We have choice
3042. All matter was not annihilated by antimatter
3043. We have choice
3044. How did a few seeds of matter slip through the big bang?
3045. We have choice
3046. Earth did not need to be such a perfect garden
3047. Life did not need to originate
3048. Some virus of cosmic radiation
3049. Awakening a seed from another dimension
3050. We have choice
3051. We have choice
3052. We have choice
3053. Life is here

3054. The proof of our potential to thread the needle of Asha
3055. Is our own existence
3056. For we are the culmination of mathematical impossibility
3057. At every point of temporal divergence
3058. At every point of quantum choice
3059. Extinction as one of the options
3060. Existence the most thin of strands
3061. Yet, we are still here
3062. Billions of coins turning ‘heads’ in a row
3063. We look to the future / Humbled by what quantum means
3064. How can we chase God if there is just a one in a billion chance that we succeed?
3065. Our collective brain not having imagined a future, any future, other than extinction
3066. The coin must turn tails eventually
3067. Yet, we are still here
3068. The culmination of a series of one in a billion chances
3069. How dare we disappoint our forefathers that crossed dimensions?
3070. How dare we not even ask the question of Asha?
3071. For me, sitting at a coffee shop in Cape Town
3072. There is a path forward
3073. There is a future / If we decide to choose to have a future
3074. There is a future where we do that which we need to do
3075. In a universe where we cannot go backwards
3076. The Weak Nuclear Force being the only Force under the diktat of time
3077. Then let us be a part of going forward / May we choose to have a future
3078. We play an active role in our universe
3079. We are not watchers
3080. We have Force just as much as anything
3081. A unique ability to use fundamental Forces
3082. We can harness the powers within the universe
3083. Take the energy of one Force and trade it freely with the others
3084. The line of quantum potential is always in front of us
3085. Asha a path as clear as lightning in a dark sky
3086. Dharma the tallest peak on the tallest mountain / Where Asha is striking
3087. We have so far chosen to exist
3088. Though it has been challenging
3089. Many carry hatred and delusion and fear
3090. Many believe that life does not have purpose
3091. Perhaps the challenges it takes to continue to exist
3092. Are more challenging
3093. Than that which we are prepared for
3094. And we should not forget
3095. That it is our choice
3096. And that at any point
3097. We are free to cease to exist
3098. Existence a choice
3099. But I still pray for supernova
3100. For the unification of the universe
3101. To not allow the universe to freeze
3102. To recreate the big bang / Larger
3103. And see what is on the other side
3104. And if it is not my destiny to see to the other side
3105. Then I hope to lay a thin sprinkling of dust / At the highest point I reach
3106. To lay a seed
3107. Calling to my tribe the spot,
3108. So that when they arrive,
3109. They can stand just a little bit higher than my vantage
3110. That they can grow on top of it

3111. That our children can grow on top of it
3112. Perhaps finally seeing over the walls of our quantum imagination
3113. And seeing to the other side
3114. I am repeating myself, no? / I only have so many stories to tell
3115. Let me finish my coffee and get back to the story
3116. Let me re-enter the dream of Moses
3117. Does not everyone dream fantasies like this?
3118. Do these sort of images not pass through your mind?
3119. When walking by yourself / Do you not see greater worlds than the one around you?
3120. Life just a metaphor we choose to simplify existence
3121. Here we are
3122. Together with the tribe in the darkness
3123. We know that this is not a normal darkness
3124. But a forever darkness
3125. It has been dark
3126. Will it be dark forever?
3127. The real forever
3128. The weight of the question
3129. Is on every child’s breath / Have we not all cried ourselves to sleep / Pondering existence
3130. Chaos theory the only path forward
3131. Since it’s the only path we have known
3132. All of our ancestors trapped in this vacuum together
3133. Wake in the morning in the dark
3134. Live the day in the dark
3135. Go to bed in the dark
3136. These same circular actions
3137. Live the day
3138. Live the day
3139. Live the day
3140. Is it going anywhere?
3141. What is the purpose?
3142. Awaken
3143. Live
3144. Sleep
3145. Awaken
3146. Live
3147. Sleep
3148. Have children
3149. Awaken
3150. Live
3151. Sleep
3152. Awaken
3153. Live
3154. Sleep
3155. Where are we going?
3156. While we are in the darkness
3157. Born into the darkness
3158. Die in the darkness
3159. Our lives in a cave
3160. But
3161. We know that the light exists
3162. It is Asha
3163. We know that the world was meant to have light
3164. It is Asha
3165. We know that we are meant to have light
3166. It is Asha
3167. We could curl down

3168. Sleep forever
3169. But then what of the light?
3170. Do human beings not have purpose?
3171. Are we not a character in the play that is the Universe?
3172. Can we not have faith greater than what we have experienced?
3173. Are we not here for a greater reason / Than just to exist?
3174. To aspire as a flower
3175. Or a tree
3176. Or a butterfly
3177. Or a rabbit
3178. We are a rarity
3179. The capacity of human beings for creativity, communication, decision making
3180. The capacity of human beings to make choice
3181. It is unparalleled in the known universe
3182. Perhaps in the whole universe
3183. Awaken
3184. Live
3185. Sleep
3186. In the darkness
3187. In the darkness
3188. When that thing we must do
3189. Is to choose to leave our cave
3190. And search for the light
3191. Each of us the potential
3192. To be Ra

3193. Part 4

3194. Chapter XV

3195. We have been without fire
3196. It has been a terrible time since I killed Goliath
3197. The fire we kept was taken by the wind and the rain
3198. We have been cold,
3199. All our bones show through our skin
3200. The tribe follows me
3201. Each day we arise
3202. And together we follow the rising sun
3203. We walk until the setting sun is on our back
3204. The tribe follows me / And I am leading them to death
3205. The land has been arid
3206. We are often parched in the sun
3207. Lips bloody and chapped
3208. Wind screams over us / Scarring our eyes with dust
3209. Rain soaking into our nighttime beds
3210. We are cold and shaking
3211. Or hot and burning
3212. Death permeates the air
3213. As always
3214. Or at least as it always seems
3215. One day we come to a former fire circle
3216. We rush in close to see if there are any embers
3217. But they are cold
3218. And we quickly look around
3219. And see that there has been death here
3220. The corpses of youths who look as if they have lived for a millenia
3221. Death came upon them recently
3222. What took them?

3223. Crows pick at their eyes
3224. Yet the bodies do not show acts of violence
3225. The air is unnaturally still
3226. I shudder / There are evils I do not know
3227. We have seen no other living human being
3228. Since the night of the feast
3229. We are losing the ability to measure time
3230. Every single step forward is as a lifetime
3231. There is no resentment against me
3232. There is no spirit
3233. We are as a shadow
3234. A particle superpositioned between states
3235. Between death or something else
3236. We do not know
3237. The paths in front of us dwindling
3238. Are there any paths left?
3239. Every breath tastes of death
3240. We can each imagine our future
3241. We can see into the future
3242. And see our bodies lying on the ground
3243. Food for carrion
3244. And we leave our brothers and sisters
3245. Dead on the ground
3246. Modest rocks covering their bodies / The best we can do
3247. Food for carrion
3248. Which of us will be last?
3249. Oh why oh why can I not just die?
3250. Non existence easier than existence
3251. Why is it that there is this Force in us?
3252. God or the other
3253. That even when we lose hope
3254. We still find ourselves
3255. As if dragged by a string
3256. Into a forward direction
3257. I ask myself to lose the will to live
3258. Let me go back to how I was before existence
3259. Yes, I question purpose / And truth / And God
3260. Why have we been brought into existence
3261. Just to be abandoned
3262. But then my feet stumble another step forward
3263. And those who are behind me
3264. Follow along
3265. Parched and hot
3266. Shivering and wet
3267. I say in my mind that I believe in the Force of God
3268. I cannot help / That I still see Asha / I still follow Dharma
3269. And that the sun is ahead of me
3270. But doubt is in my every single rasping breath
3271. For if there is an ultimate Truth
3272. Would it not be in our favour?
3273. Would it not lift us and help us
3274. If Asha is so important, should it not be an easy path to follow?
3275. If we follow the path of righteousness, why is it so challenging?
3276. Why do we specter forwards alone?
3277. This dimension that we take part in is so limiting
3278. Can we not control the universe?
3279. We had fire with the firestone

3280. Should we not be able to make universes / With the same ease as we raise our arms?
3281. The energy we output into the world
3282. The massive effort we put into a single step forward
3283. Could we not make universes with this effort?
3284. A big bang is less energy than another step forward / Truly
3285. How dare the world give us so little for the massive effort we put into it
3286. Questions and doubt
3287. The feeling of forsakenness
3288. Even if none say it,
3289. I wonder in my most secret mind
3290. The wisdom of my own actions
3291. For even if Goliath was wrong
3292. I am leading us through the jaws of our annihilation
3293. And I have not been able to find a path through
3294. For all my energy / I have still led us to defeat
3295. I am a failure
3296. I can recall the imagination I had
3297. It seemed easy in the moment of rapture
3298. The belief that as a seed can grow into a tree
3299. All we needed
3300. Was to follow the sun
3301. And be brought to our bloom
3302. But, then
3303. Walking through parched fields
3304. Next to dead trees
3305. Our feet breaking atrophied seeds below our every step
3306. Every seed had its potential to be a mighty giant
3307. Every seed had its potential to be a universe
3308. Crunch crunch crunch
3309. The potential of ourselves
3310. To be able to harness the force of the universe
3311. To be able to have fire as easily as we breath
3312. And instead / Crunch crunch crunch
3313. I was wrong to throw the firestone
3314. Why did I do that?
3315. That was a mistake
3316. That was a mistake
3317. That was a mistake
3318. It was not god, but it was a useful tool
3319. I have doomed the people I love
3320. As we go farther from Eden
3321. Our movements slow
3322. Was leaving Eden our original death?
3323. That we are only acting through now?
3324. An infection that starts with a scratched mosquito bite
3325. Feasts into our veins
3326. Climbs into our brains
3327. And then we just fall over, dead
3328. Days, weeks or months later
3329. But the thing that killed us
3330. Coming from that tiny bite
3331. Or a sharp stone we stepped on
3332. Far back in time
3333. And our death was already called
3334. Even if we didn't know it
3335. I have lost my belief in God
3336. This I do not tell anyone

3337. Even what is faith?
3338. For even as I am faithless
3339. I still can feel the will of God / Asha still blinds me
3340. Even if I hate that God is killing me
3341. The path is just as clear in front of me as any other moment
3342. Since I allowed my eyes to be opened / To the sight of Asha
3343. And now, even if I hate my fate / I cannot hide from it
3344. All I know
3345. Is that my Asha is to follow the sun
3346. And that I can follow it
3347. And that is all I still have faith left in me to believe
3348. And even if it leads me to my destruction
3349. The children of my people the last of our kind
3350. (Are we the only humans left?)
3351. This is the only thing left that I know how to do
3352. To follow Asha
3353. Not because I want to
3354. But because I am a slave
3355. I would gladly die
3356. But I cannot die
3357. I will die when life is taken from me
3358. But life is still in me
3359. And I still follow the rising sun
3360. And I still kiss broken stones / Searching for dew in the morning
3361. And I still fight vultures for the last strip of carrion
3362. And then
3363. And then
3364. And then
3365. And then
3366. The closed loop that we have been trapped in
3367. Dissipates all at once
3368. WAIT
3369. I need to emphasis this more strongly
3370. Now, as I tell you this, something is happening
3371. Something unexpected
3372. For in front of us
3373. One night, as we rest our tired bones and for the first time in many moons see a clear sky
3374. We have found the fire again
3375. On the horizon
3376. Not just the fire
3377. But a mountain of fire
3378. More fire than anything I have ever seen
3379. If every fire I have seen before / Were all combined together
3380. It would not even be as a single spark
3381. Next to this great blaze we now see
3382. This is something different than the firestone
3383. As we see it the others in the tribe begin to grovel and bow towards the fire
3384. They grovel and bow towards me
3385. Saying "Moses, you have done it / We have followed the path of Asha and now here we are, we have found the reservoir of fire / Surely this is God / Surely this is what we have searched for / You have saved us!"
3386. I am in awe
3387. We are quiet and can hear a noise unlike anything else we have ever heard
3388. The morning sun rises, it does not lead us directly towards the fire mountain
3389. But without questioning, we begin to walk towards the fire mountain
3390. For there is no question that the mountain of fire is connected to our purpose
3391. We could have died yesterday, like our brothers and sisters
3392. Their bodies still intact under stones

3393. But we did not
3394. The human race carries on
3395. We still have the potential to achieve our purpose

3396. Chapter XVI

3397. Am I capable of this?
3398. Do I have the energy in my mind?
3399. Am I capable of this?
3400. I really do not know
3401. I am scared, I am alone
3402. I am climbing the Fire Mountain
3403. The belching scream above me
3404. I can hear it, but I do not see it
3405. For I am looking at my feet
3406. Wrapped in hardened animal skin
3407. As they navigate step by step
3408. It is nighttime now
3409. I have been climbing since dawn
3410. Sun scorching, but the skins I wear protect me
3411. Now, it is the darkness
3412. But the moon is rich
3413. And the red illumination of the fire / Is my guiding star
3414. I am climbing
3415. I do not fully know why
3416. I just know that if I do not climb
3417. I will wonder for the rest of my life
3418. What it was / At the top of the Fire Mountain
3419. I am alone / The rest of the tribe sleeps at the bottom
3420. For what can greet a man here but death?
3421. But once death has made its voice heard so many times throughout a life
3422. What fear does death give?
3423. When it is the living that I am more afraid of
3424. How much easier to disappear
3425. Than to deal with the thin strand of truth
3426. That guides my heart
3427. Even as I scream in my brain
3428. That I do not want it
3429. I wish to be free from the heavy stone of Asha
3430. I want every day to be as one of those few days
3431. That I remember from childhood
3432. When the ground was soft
3433. And there was laughter in people's voices
3434. But I am not following softness
3435. I am following Asha / I am a slave to Asha
3436. And I keep walking towards the summit
3437. The Fire Mountain carries a noise
3438. Like a dying animal
3439. Like a herd of dying animals
3440. All their voices carry on the wind into my ears
3441. What will I find at the top?
3442. Do I care?
3443. Is this what God is?
3444. Is there an answer to the question of the universe at the top?
3445. I am climbing higher
3446. It is becoming colder
3447. I take big steps
3448. But I will not make it to the top without rest

3449. My head is becoming light, my lungs are burning, my heart is racing
3450. I find a part flatter than most
3451. Here I can rest
3452. The cold is seeping into my bones
3453. I look out at the plain below me
3454. I can see forever
3455. The moon illuminating the world / Like a white sun
3456. I do not see the tribe
3457. Have they left me?
3458. Do I care?
3459. Do they think of me?
3460. Do they care?
3461. Do I care?
3462. I am becoming cold
3463. My breath rasps and slows down
3464. I have watched others die in the snow of mountains
3465. There is no snow here
3466. But there is the cold
3467. And while I may die
3468. It seems foolish to die
3469. Before I reach the top of the mountain
3470. I bury my tiredness
3471. Next to that place where I have buried my sadness
3472. Deep in my mind / A closed box
3473. That one day, if I survive, opening it may kill me
3474. But for today
3475. I will not stare at myself in the void of my mind
3476. For I am going to reach the top of the Fire Mountain
3477. And I endure
3478. And my feet are again carrying me higher
3479. And I keep going
3480. Time is at a loss
3481. My heart rate goes more rapid
3482. I can feel a thump thump thump in my ears
3483. And lo, suddenly I am not cold
3484. And suddenly, there is heat
3485. It must be a true fire at the top
3486. And, as if by magic,
3487. I look up and there is no more mountain
3488. And I look straight
3489. And I see the void and it is myself
3490. And my brain is fabricating colours in the darkness
3491. Then I look down
3492. And I see a sea of fire
3493. And the noise is as a thunderstorm
3494. This is the opposite of Eden, this I know
3495. But I do not know what to make of it
3496. I am no longer cold
3497. My heart beats strongly / The thin air tickles my brain
3498. And I sit
3499. And then, to my surprise, the voice of God speaks directly to me
3500. I have never heard the voice of God before
3501. I knew in my heart that God exists, but I was not aware that I would ever hear God’s voice
3502. Or even that God has a voice / God tells me this:
3503. It’s not about doing whatever you want
3504. It’s about being yourself, with fear
3505. Fear of failure

3506. Fear that the world doesn’t love you
3507. Fear that you are cast aside
3508. Fear that you are wrong
3509. Wrong in the things that you dream about
3510. Wrong in the way you spend your life
3511. The only gift in the universe we truly have
3512. This life we are living today
3513. And what if we are wasting it
3514. It’s not about doing what you want
3515. Fear in every step
3516. Remembering the thoughts from when I was young
3517. Yesterday or a millenia ago
3518. What if I have peaked?
3519. And every day after this day
3520. Is just a little less bright than this day
3521. What if I have peaked?
3522. And every day after this
3523. Is just a little less bright than today
3524. It’s not about doing whatever you want
3525. It’s about being yourself, with fear
3526. The desert laid out in front of you
3527. No one saying the words ‘I will follow you’
3528. No idea what is on the other side
3529. No idea even if there is another side
3530. But the flower of my heart tells me to grow towards the sun
3531. The purpose of life is mysterious
3532. We will not get the answers,
3533. Unwavering, with fear
3534. It is time to create momentum
3535. Defy physics
3536. Create motion where there was no motion
3537. Create an avalanche of cascade effects
3538. All meaningless
3539. As meaningless as the birth of a star
3540. Existence our Force,
3541. Do with it as we will
3542. Embrace the desert
3543. Loneliness a truth in a near empty universe
3544. That would beg to become a garden
3545. It is time to create momentum
3546. And every day,
3547. It is a step deeper into the desert
3548. Doing nothing at all,
3549. But following my heart
3550. My own prayer, daily
3551. A prayer like this:
3552. Thank you God for this day
3553. May I see beauty, share beauty and revel in beauty
3554. May I be ever expanding peace, perfection and grace / Mind, body and soul
3555. May I be as a tree, absorbing all the energy of the world and putting out only goodness
3556. May I be as a seed, growing towards my purpose, growing towards the sun
3557. May I act today, as best I can
3558. As a leader or a follower
3559. As the first or the last
3560. Alone or on a team
3561. Standing on the shoulders of giants, giants standing on my own shoulders
3562. With your hand together with mine on the tiller of my life

3563. Charting towards a quantum optimization of myself and the world around me
3564. To work towards, at scale, human beings being empowered to have the opportunity to achieve their cosmic purpose
3565. As a seed can become a tree can become a star can become a universe
3566. Or Gravity brings mass together
3567. To ignite into stars, to supernova, to become black holes
3568. May I be unwavering and disciplined
3569. Working towards my quantum optimization
3570. May I make today count
3571. Watch over those people that I love
3572. Om
3573. (My body is in revelation / I am awake yet dreaming / My mind is free from my body / I am only energy / Finally free / Is this death? / Is this the death of my mind or body? / The great darkness of the sky is crowded out by the immense flame of the lake of fire with images of colour and wonder that my brain flashes in front of my eyes / I am disconnected from myself / It is as if I have a house in my head and I am inside it now as I think and as I speak / My body is not my home anymore / I speak the words as I see them but they feel as if they have weight, as if I am reading them carved into stone, their truth is so self evident / I feel like I am falling, but up, not down, the world is a maelstrom, I am lost, I am dying, just as I am saved and I am flying / I know that there is God, and that he is in me, and has always been in me / Is it the end of my life to fully embrace God? / As if swimming in a river, without fear, I decide to dive to the bottom, for when else shall I have the opportunity, and in myself, I have already died, every moment of my life has been a form of death, so let me in my death lose my fear / I am disappeared / I am the voice of God / Every single shard of reality that I have engaged with over the course of my life has been the voice of God / The universe sings constantly with the music of heaven and nirvana / Why was I deaf so long?)
3574. I revel as a series of images cross my mind / I have not seen these images before but I recognize their truth
3575. The most efficient use of humanity is to unlock energy
3576. Neural evolution is as a tentacle growing through the universe
3577. What does this reality look like when time is taken out as a variable?
3578. Is this tentacle our purpose as the Weak Nuclear Force?
3579. Can the universe gain consciousness?
3580. Is that what man is?
3581. Can we turn the entire universe into a single brain?
3582. Stars as individual energy points
3583. Cells weaving to become universal neurons
3584. The human Force is a neural network?
3585. There was something before the big bang / Something inseminated our universe
3586. We are creating through quantum identification paths to create a continuing universe
3587. Because survival is Asha and Dharma and the Holy Spirit
3588. And we ourselves are raw neurons in the cosmic brain
3589. Unactivated dark energy
3590. But with the potential of true infinite
3591. For human beings, with our ingenuity, can expand infinite
3592. We don’t need to know why there is existence
3593. But we can impact it, just as surely as any Force can
3594. We can be of a power like / Of / Gravity / But we must activate our power
3595. All matter was combined together as a single Force at the Big Bang
3596. Everything in our universe is the children of this singular Force
3597. A low hanging fruit would be human beings and fire to collaborate as one Force
3598. A low hanging fruit would be the Weak Nuclear Force to remerge with Electromagnetism and again become the Electroweak Force
3599. How do we define life?
3600. How do we define Forces?
3601. How do we define consciousness?
3602. A seed can climb a tree to reach the sun
3603. We should use all the tools that we can ingenuate
3604. We should be working towards unity, not separation
3605. In our beginning there was just one truth
3606. Energy equals energy
3607. Earth is a seed
3608. Humans are seeds

3609. Neurons are seeds
3610. There is only one path through the universe
3611. And this path is Asha / This path is God
3612. The potential of the universe as a whole exists in every single building block of the universe
3613. (I arise from my revelation to see the sun rising / It strikes my face with light and it burns into my eyes / I see now that that the sun is just a mountain of fire in the sky / It must be enormous / I see now that the fire of the firestone is just a shard of the fire from the mountain of fire in the sky / I know that if all the fire of the universe is brought together then human beings purpose is accomplished / I look down and I see on the edge of the lake of fire a burning bush / I know that it was not burning before but it is now burning / I see other bushes burning / I watch / I understand / It is simple / The heat of the fire dries out the bush and then with the absence of any moisture even the smallest spark can change the matter of the wood to be into a flame / With enough energy anything can combust into flame / I walk over to a bush that is as yet unburning / I rub it together in my hands and lo it ignites into flame, as if by magic / The sun can dry any stick to such a level / I take a stick that is less dry and I rub their dryness together, as if animals mating, and lo again the fire arises, I have created fire / I look at the sun / With the sun what can man do? / I was born not knowing my purpose / Now, last night, I went through death to learn my own purpose / I am still here / I am at peace / Now let me walk down from the mountain of fire / Let me share with the tribe the fire and the truths as I see them from my revelation in hearing the voice of God, though I understand that they may not feel the same metamorphosis as in my own heart, but I can try to spread the light of God with them, I can try to have them join me on my journey of capturing the sun, for surely I will not be able to do it alone / But, with the grace I find in myself, perhaps I can be the spark that spreads into the hearts and minds of others / As I walk down, my brain is now aware of the path that lives throughout my mind / The path of Asha / The path of Truth / The Truth that is God / It is always there / I live in the aether of God / A cosmic radiation singing like the noise of another tribe where their words sound beautiful but I cannot understand what they say / But now, I understand it as truly as I understand myself, for I myself am the key to deciphering the universal voice of God, since the voice of God is the building block of my most fundamental particles / As it is for us all)
3614. I find myself again in prayer:
3615. Is this my ancient mind?
3616. Shadows of spirits
3617. Weren’t we once rays of light?
3618. Particlewaves awakened
3619. A force of energy unawakened
3620. Searching for purpose
3621. Retrograde miniature circles
3622. Around a blazing sun
3623. Every step a step backwards
3624. Every step a step forward
3625. A cosmic purpose
3626. Let the dirt know its rich soil will create flowers
3627. Let the flowers know that as they grow towards the sun
3628. They create the matter that builds stars
3629. Let the stars know they have
3630. That same infinite potential
3631. To become black holes
3632. That permeates human beings
3633. We are in a quantum universe
3634. Where everything is possible
3635. And we have in our hands
3636. The entirety of the universe
3637. To direct in any which way
3638. That we choose

3639. Chapter XVII

3640. I come down from the Fire Mountain
3641. I do not come empty handed
3642. I bring the secret of fire, the truth of God written in stone in my heart and plants I collected from the mountain side
3643. The journey down is easier
3644. It goes by as a dream, I find it hard to remember a single step, though I know down takes me less time than up
3645. It feels as with every step I take my lungs are full and more refreshed
3646. I feel that being alive is a beautiful thing, that existence is something that is precious and rare

3647. I arrive back to the tribe as the sun is setting
3648. All look to me with question on their face
3649. They see I am carrying plants and dried sticks hung over my back
3650. I greet them and with respect tell them that I have found the truth of fire
3651. With their permission I would like to share it with them
3652. I show them the dried sticks from the top of the mountain
3653. I explain to them that heat drives the water out and when there is little water the tree is ready to light
3654. Any heat can take the water out, be it lightning, the Fire Mountain, the sun or our own fire
3655. The secret is the dryness of the wood
3656. We make a fire pit together and then, with all watching, I rub two of the driest sticks together
3657. It is not as easy as at the top of the mountain and doubt asks to enter my mind, but I banish it
3658. Then, a thin tendril of smoke rises / There is rapt silence / Eyes are big
3659. We do not know the impact of what we are watching, only that it is our own metamorphosis
3660. Fire alights
3661. I ask all to bring the most dried wood they can find
3662. I ask all, from the eldest man to the youngest girl, barely able to walk
3663. I have them take the wood they bring and lie it close to the fire to dry
3664. Then, one by one, those who are weak with the assistance of the strong, they all ignite their own fire
3665. The secret of fire is gone
3666. The truth is held by each and every one of us
3667. The demystification of that which furthers our species is now universal
3668. For knowledge should be held by the many, not the few
3669. Eve was right to eat the apple
3670. We make a great fire
3671. We are under the augur of silence still
3672. What does it mean that suddenly each and every one of us is as a God, as a sun, as a Fire Mountain?
3673. I take the plants I collected from the top of the mountain
3674. The same as that which King would throw on the fire on feast days
3675. Except here I have far more than King ever had
3676. I throw them all on the fire
3677. We enter into an altered state, not one of distortion and lies, but one of calmness and truth
3678. We suddenly, for a moment as a collective, pause from our brutal task of survival, that which occupies our entire life, and, together, we arise as a collective thought
3679. Open minded to ourselves
3680. Seeing ourselves as if from above as what we are: alive, moving
3681. We are not separate but one
3682. A Force
3683. Conscious of being a Force
3684. Conscious
3685. "I do not know what we are, but I know that we are not accidental”
3686. “I know that we have purpose”
3687. “We were born unknowing and we may die unknowing, but there is a truth to our existence, whether we choose to embrace it or not, it is there"
3688. "I do not want to hurt you or to deceive you”
3689. “But I feel compelled during this time when we are together to share with you these deepest truths that I feel in the deepest part of my brain and heart"
3690. "Do you not feel it too?”
3691. “Is there not a universal coda in the very structure of our DNA?”
3692. “We take ourselves and the lush world we are in for granted”
3693. “Every moment of life is a miracle,”
3694. “But a miracle normalized, for life is something we experience every moment that we are alive”
3695. “I fear my own death”
3696. “And the extinction of our people”
3697. “And the desolation of our world”
3698. “And the emptiness of the universe”
3699. “Emptiness is the aether”
3700. “Except here we are: the opposite of nothing"

3701. “The universe empty, yet here around us, and in our minds: a garden”
3702. "I do not know why we are here or what we should do"
3703. "But, then why do we need to know?”
3704. “Knowing need not be our purpose”
3705. “Fulfilling our purpose is our purpose"
3706. "We have mastered fire”
3707. “With this energy, we have transformed ourselves from beast to God"
3708. "But even as Gods, we are nothing, for there is a higher power”
3709. “A higher purpose”
3710. “Can't you feel it?”
3711. “Is there not a voice of truth deep in your mind?”
3712. “A voice that is foreign? That is not from you?”
3713. “A voice that tells you right from wrong / Truth from untruth / Driving you towards your better self"
3714. "I do not know the story of man”
3715. “I feel like we are a weak species”
3716. “Weaklings compared to the animals we share the world with”
3717. “Our beauty nothing compared to the smallest flower"
3718. "Man has a curse, a curse that has allowed us to survive: we think differently from the rest of creation”
3719. “While other life forces move with unconscious grace towards their purpose, humans think"
3720. "This is a curse, it creates a barrier between us and our purpose”
3721. “I do not know why, but I know that we are falling away from the Force of God that is in the soil at our feet"
3722. “Our nature may be our curse”
3723. "But there is still the voice of truth in us / That same truth which guides flowers / That which tells us our path and our purpose, if not the reason why"
3724. The voice of Asha
3725. “We are blind to it, even though we see our purpose with every photon that enters our eyes”
3726. “The meaning of life is in the flower and the sun”
3727. "We must harness energy”
3728. “Our purpose in the universe is about energy”
3729. “As we can see with the fire at our feet”
3730. “We can harness the world around us to create energy”
3731. “Look at the dried wood”
3732. “Nothing of use to us, but holding the potential of fire”
3733. “What greater power does the fire stick and the universe hold that today is just a secret?”
3734. “Where there was before only the potential, we can transform it into something that creates great force"
3735. "The equation that is our purpose is to use the full potential energy of the universe”
3736. “If the stick was to remain a stick when it could be fire, then we have not used the potential of the stick”
3737. “What greater things is the stick capable of?”
3738. “What of the tree the stick came from?”
3739. “In front of my eyes is an image of earth blooming like a seed, becoming a flower that grows around our sun”
3740. “In front of my eyes is all of the matter in the universe brought to a single point and then ignited / Just as the stick”
3741. “I do not know what we do with this energy we create”
3742. “But if all the energy of the universe is aflame, like this fire at our feet, then, what my heart tells me, what my Asha tells me, then we are fulfilling our purpose"
3743. "We live in an unfriendly universe”
3744. “The very act of our continued survival an anomaly”
3745. “We should disappear”
3746. “We likely will disappear, the feat we need to accomplish more than we are capable of"
3747. "But, all paths are possible”
3748. “Such is the nature of our quantum reality”
3749. “If we can dream it, then it can be realized”
3750. “For the future is not written, we have in ourselves the power to alter the future"
3751. “To dream of and fight towards our quantum optimization”
3752. “For the universe is infinite, but infinite is expanding”
3753. “Each new fantasy we create is an addition to infinite”
3754. “We have not found the path to the top of the mountain of our purpose”
3755. “But perhaps one of us / Or our children / Will make the path exist by dreaming a new path”

3756. “We have the capability to find the cracks of this dimension, leading us to the next”
3757. “We have done it before”
3758. “It is unlikely our ancestors were born in this dimension”
3759. “We have slipped through, a rock dropped on a puddle”
3760. “We find ourselves the waves of the ripples”
3761. "We are a part of this universe we find ourselves in”
3762. “Even if the limitations of this current universe hides our true nature”
3763. “Time an illusion”
3764. “Chaos theory a lie”
3765. “Reality a thin shroud”
3766. “We are the dried sticks: holding the potential for fire if there is just a small trigger”
3767. “That small trigger can transform everything”
3768. “Yet, that small trigger may never happen, the potential never being activated”
3769. “And if it does not happen, then the stick will just decay over time”
3770. “Growing back to dirt”
3771. “To be the cradle of a new tree”
3772. “Birth generates rebirth”
3773. "We are a weak and small species”
3774. “Alone in having this gift of an inside voice that guides us"
3775. "We have a choice”
3776. “It is a choice”
3777. “To go towards the voice of God in our hearts, even as we do not know where we came from”
3778. “Or why”
3779. “To go towards the voice of God in our hearts, even as we do not know why we go”
3780. “Or where”
3781. “It is a choice”
3782. “We can follow our dominoes forward in time”
3783. “And at each choice”
3784. “A quantum variable”
3785. “We have the choice”
3786. “To build our reality as close to the voice of God in our hearts”
3787. “Or to not / For I do not know your reality”
3788. “But it is a sin to be defined by fear”
3789. “It is our individual choice to decide to exist or to not exist”
3790. “The only power we have is the moment”
3791. “That is the power of God”
3792. “And our service to God is our actions in the moment”
3793. “Or we can choose to ignore it"
3794. “We never asked to exist, or for this weight of existence”
3795. “It is a choice”
3796. “It is a choice I choose for myself / I exist / I exist / I exist / I will be a slave to Asha”
3797. “It is a choice for you as well / A choice you must make for yourself”
3798. “To choose to exist and follow Asha / Or to choose the opposite”
3799. Here Moses walks to those he is closest to in the tribe
3800. "My brother, I promise the world is more kind when we feel that we have God"
3801. "My mother, of course you know God is real already, you are my inspiration for the power of our actions in the world around us"
3802. "My uncle, don't you stare into the sky and see the mysteries of the world / Today we need to build, life is mostly work to stay alive / But is it not more? / Do you not shut your eyes / And in the deepest crevices of your consciousness / As you touch your quantum nature / Can you not feel your purpose printed on each strand of DNA?"
3803. "My good friend / Perhaps the words I use are inferior / My apologies / I am trying to articulate a mystery I have felt but have not been able to put words to / But, I feel like while the words I use may ring wrong in your ears, it is a communication challenge / Is it not already a truth to you that mankind has purpose?"
3804. "My good friend, you know better than anyone the concept of infinite potential and potential squandered / Empowering every human being to their full potential, to take seeds left in drought and to nurture them into becoming stars, to supernova, to alter the universe, it is our purpose isn't it? / And, with the power of the universe empowered in peoples hands, what will they do with it?"

3805. "My good friend, as we navigate the labyrinth of the universe / Losing our faith in our own light / I am reminded all we see will fade away / The real Force of the universe is not what we see but how we act / Each and every decision a choice that may mean nothing in the scales of the universe / But these thin dustings that we lay on the hill of humanity will rise with our sacrifice / May our lives not be in vain”
3806. "My sister, can you hear me?"
3807. "My brother / There is no truth in science that states where the original biological root of life came from / The standard model of physics predicts a universe of mutual annihilation / We do not know where life came from / The universe should not exist / Yet, here we are / Is it not rationale to reject the hypotheses that are the paradigm of our perception of the world because they are flawed? / I do not propose a new science, but rather instead of being as an ostrich we take our heads out of the sand / We should marvel at our own existence / We should not hide from what our very existence means"
3808. "My brother and friend / As we discover, we lose / I do not know more than what I have said here / But I hope that the future understands more than these primitive musings / There is far more that we don't know than what we do know / As man should share the fire, man needs to share the light of knowledge and to use it to better grow towards our purpose / Can't we collaborate as a species more efficiently towards our purpose?"
3809. "On my journeys I have pondered the Weak Nuclear Force”
3810. “One of the handful of fundamental Forces of the universe, with Gravity, Electromagnetism and the Strong Nuclear Force"
3811. "Just as we learned that earth is not the center of the universe and it set us free”
3812. “I propose to you that man is not separate from physics”
3813. “And this reality shift can set us free”
3814. “For we are the Weak Nuclear Force”
3815. “A Force with the most energy potential in the universe”
3816. “Yet,”
3817. “It is activated so rarely that in aggregate it is radically weak”
3818. “Yet,”
3819. “It is the only Force that operates according to the arrow of time”
3820. “Yet,”
3821. “It is the only Force that changes the fundamental characteristics of fundamental particles / Stopping annihilation / Leading to the entirety of the universe that we see"
3822. "The origin of our universe, as we understand it, was the big bang”
3823. “Currently, the energy of the big bang is dissipating, the universe is cooling down”
3824. “We are going towards extinction at a universal level”
3825. “Yet,”
3826. “It is in the hands of man to bring energy together”
3827. “Yes, man”
3828. “Most humble and most fantastical of nature’s creations”
3829. “Focusing on genocide and the destruction of Eden”
3830. “Yet a species that operates according to time”
3831. “A species that sees the thread of Asha”
3832. “And has the freedom to act in any way imaginable”
3833. “And has the freedom to act in any way imaginable”
3834. “It is in our quantum potential to recreate the energy of the big bang”
3835. “It is in our quantum potential to use the energy of the universe to create energy more than the Big Bang"
3836. “For the Big Bang did not activate the full energy of the universe”
3837. "It is not my fate to know where the river of this thinking will ultimately carry us to”
3838. “I fear that the dominoes set have the potential for terror and evil”
3839. “But I would not be serving my own purpose in the universe if I was to deny that which is in the cells of my existence"
3840. "Today, we have made fire”
3841. “We should sleep well”
3842. “We have started”
3843. “But this is just the beginning”
3844. “My life now”
3845. “My whole life”
3846. “Regardless of all that may happen to me”
3847. “Every minute of it is not only not meaningless, as it was before”
3848. “But has the unquestionable meaning of the good which it is in my power to put into it”
3849. “For my life, from here, I will work to capture the power of more fire, more energy"
3850. “I will follow Asha”

3851. "I would hope that you will all join me"
3852. And then
3853. Over the night with silence and conversation and a feeling of oneness that lasts for the entirety of the night
3854. The wall of our doubt and weakness breached, if only for a moment
3855. We begin a new era of our being human

3856. Chapter XVIII

3857. (Narrator)
3858. “This is the last we will be inside the head of Moses”
3859. “Except for the fact that in the fractals of your mind his story has always been with you and will always be with you”
3860. “And I am Moses just as you are Moses”
3861. “Just as we all have the potential to be Moses today, or yesterday, or tomorrow”
3862. “For the most fundamental truth of the universe is that all things are possible”
3863. “Infinite being nothing but the sum of all possibilities”
3864. “We increase infinite by our ability to dream new realities”
3865. “Do you really think that the magic that tunneled through the big bang did not slip into yourself as well?”
3866. “Who is pulling the strings in the neurons in your mind?”
3867. “Myself, I do not know”
3868. “I do know / Now / That I believe in God”
3869. “And that what I should do is follow my Dharma”
3870. “Follow the Holy Spirit”
3871. “Follow Asha”
3872. “For there is a truth to the way we live our lives”
3873. “And a truth to the way forward”
3874. “It is the most binary law in the universe”
3875. “Do you follow the truth in your heart”
3876. “Or do you not?”
3877. “Which is another way of asking do you exist or do you not exist?”
3878. “Which is another way of asking if the universe will freeze, existence an endless purgatory of darkened matter”
3879. “Or will we be as the dried stick and ignite the universe”
3880. “Such is our potential as the Weak Nuclear Force”
3881. “Because in every molecule of aether is contained the energy of infinite big bangs”
3882. “Such is the nature of energy and infinite”
3883. “And pushing a stick the length of a galaxy can impact distant objects faster than light”
3884. “Such is the nature of time and space”
3885. “For a single step forward is more meaningful than infinite steps that never reach a critical mass”
3886. “Infinite divided by zero being zero”
3887. “Such is reality”
3888. “The tribe rejects Moses hypothesis”
3889. “For how can the crocodile part of our brain fathom that which has not yet been discovered?”
3890. “How can we know our purpose when we first must discover ourselves?”
3891. “There is a schism in the tribe / It will not be the last time that mankind schisms, but this time it is in peace”
3892. “All in the tribe / After the miracle of creating fire / Believe it is their purpose to build the greatest energy”
3893. “But then there is divergence”
3894. “Part of the tribe believes that they should stop moving”
3895. “The volcano is the closest there is to the sun”
3896. “They should fix their location here”
3897. “They should be like the seed of a vine”
3898. “Creating a solid foundation to grow from”
3899. “The soil is rich and full of life / Full of flowers / There is an unlimited source of good fire / The fire cannot be lost again”
3900. “Here is the new Eden, the new place to lay our roots and grow towards the sun”
3901. “Mankind’s purpose to be a seed and grow from good soil”
3902. “A search for safety”
3903. “On the other hand / Moses believes in movement”
3904. “That we need to keep moving towards the greater energy of the sun every moment of our lives”
3905. “Mankind’s purpose to be like the tip of the vine”
3906. “Climbing through the foliage”

3907. “Always searching”
3908. “First growing towards the sun then using the energy of the sun to grow towards distant stars then taking the energy of those distant stars to continue and to continue and to continue”
3909. “They agree to disagree, for what better than to chase both realities?”
3910. “Nature showing the symbiotic relationship between all things”
3911. “They agree to come together in the future”
3912. “Whenever the capture of energy permits”
3913. “And if there is a breakthrough in bringing energy together”
3914. “That allows in a future where things that are now impossible become possible”
3915. “Then what was once one shall be one again”
3916. “Our rejoining with all the tribes we have lost since the unity at the big bang”
3917. “From ourselves as individuals to being the Weak Nuclear Force to Electroweak to Big Bang and, before”
3918. “We were one / And we can be one again / If we follow Asha”
3919. “And this time we are separate is nothing but a location in a moment of time / If we follow Asha”
3920. “The people of Moses agree to a handful of commandments”
3921. “The codification of the truths that God spoke to Moses at the top top of the Fire Mountain”
3922. “They agree to pass them down to their descendants”
3923. “To make it so that the tribes will recognize each other”
3924. “Make it so that in the future there is the potential for the tribes to come together again”
3925. “Form unity again”
3926. “Going forward in time, while using all the pieces of the past”
3927. “Nothing ever lost”
3928. “Moses departs the tribe”
3929. “We do not know if he is alone, he does not know himself if he is alone”
3930. “Can we have faith that the search for Truth is still happening?”
3931. “Can we sleep well knowing that today some souls still follow Asha?”
3932. “Or is it on our own shoulders to make the choice anew?”
3933. “To search or not to search”
3934. “To follow God or to not follow God”
3935. “It is a choice”
3936. “It is my choice”
3937. “It is your choice”
3938. “It is our choice”
3939. “I have great fear”
3940. “Here are the commandments they agree to”
3941. “Laws so that if their tribes meet again in the future, they are not enemies but friends”
3942. “Laws because mankind and the universe is a binary, either becoming better or worse”
3943. “Let us fight towards our better selves”
3944. “There are ten of them, the same number of fingers as on two hands”
3945. “They read like this:”
3946. “Be welcoming to your neighbors”
3947. “Bababadalgharaghtakamminarronnkonnbronntonnerronntuonnthunntrovarrhounawnskawntoohoohoordenenthurnuk”
3948. “Killing another is an unforgivable sin / You lose your immortal soul / However, your life need not be in vain”
3949. “Perkodhuskurunbarggruauyagokgorlayorgromgremmitghundhurthrumathunaradidillifaititillibumullunukkunun”
3950. “Those who throw the first stone are not our people”
3951. “Klikkaklakkaklaskaklopatzklatschabattacreppycrottygraddaghsemmihsammihnouithappluddyappladdypkonpkot”
3952. “Do not be defined by your fear”
3953. “Bladyughfoulmoecklenburgwhurawhorascortastrumpapornanennykocksapastippatappatupperstrippuckputtanach”
3954. “Nobody should be punished for how they were born / No one is born a sinner / We are born as blank slates”
3955. “Thingcrooklyexineverypasturesixdixlikencehimaroundhersthemaggerbykinkinkankanwithdownmindlookingated”
3956. “There is only one God and that God is Truth”
3957. “Lukkedoerendunandurraskewdylooshoofermoyportertooryzooysphalnabortansporthaokansakroidverjkapakkapuk”
3958. “We are the Weak Nuclear Force”
3959. “Bothallchoractorschumminaroundgansumuminarumdrumstrumtruminahumptadumpwaultopoofoolooderamaunsturnup”
3960. “Even if the whole of existence is against you, but your Asha is true, then your Dharma is to follow yourself”
3961. “Pappappapparrassannuaragheallachnatullaghmonganmacmacmacwhackfalltherdebblenonthedubblandaddydoodled”
3962. “Do good without the hope of return / Do good deeds, think good thoughts, say good things”

3963. “Husstenhasstencaffincoffintussemtossemdamandamnacosaghcusaghhobixhatouxpeswchbechoscashlcarcarcaract”
3964. “It is your own freedom to choose to exist, or choose not to exist”
3965. “Ullhodturdenweirmudgaardgringnirurdrmolnirfenrirlukkilokkibaugimandodrrerinsurtkrinmgernrackinarockar”
3966. “Allah akbar, amen, jah bless, shanti shanti shanti”

Epilogue

I am not your rib / I hate that / I am your Grandmother / how can I be your rib? / are we not family? / you are not going to go extinct / we are not going to go extinct / we are going to survive / because we have children / and maybe it is unfair / but what would be more unfair would be to not help the helpless / and our children need protecting / and I cannot trust anyone else / I need to protect those who need to be protected / I believe in God / I follow my Grandfather Moses / who brought the word of God / that God is real / and that it is our purpose to serve God / and the way we serve god is to search for Truth / and that there are two jobs in this world / to be safe and create safety for our children / finding the best place we can / the safest place / and protect ourselves from there / and fight from there / though that is just a time game / and probably will lead to extinction / all Eden's being temporary / which is why we have the other purpose / for it is our job to chase the sun / our job is done when we have chased it all the way / and we cannot all die before that day / for if we die / without fulfilling God's purpose / then it would have been better to never have been / for that is God's will / we do not know his plan / but we know we have a role to play / and that we must fill it / and after the safety of children / I seek to follow God's will / because even though I am a woman / I am a soldier / I know this / and I do not say it / because it does not need to be said / and I will protect you / for you are my children / and I will protect you by following the sun / and spreading our people / and that is why we are here / the grandchildren of Moses / here on the great lake / after many years of travel / leaving our brothers and sisters at good places / where they can flourish as well as can be / but we still need to search for the sun / and there must be those of us that search / and we have come to a great lake / and we have walked very far up and very far down / and we have not found a way past the water / but we can see so far in the distance more land / and that land is closer to the sun / and therefore it is God's purpose / in the following of Truth / to go to the far side / and my family and I are going to be the ones that go across the water / and likely we will die / for death is always a potential next step / but we will seek to survive / because it is God's will / and the Truth of the world / to follow the sun / and the sun is on the other side / and there are those of us who must not be defined by our fear / and only follow our purpose / so we have been creating a way across the water / that we shall take / and never in my life have I crossed any water that I could not walk through / but we know wood floats / so let us float across / and all my people are here / we are working together / to make a great collection of trees / that will bring us across / and there is energy / we are all blood / we are all humans / the fear I have of my death / and the death of my husband / and the death of my three sons / and the death of their three wives / the eight of us that shall cross / is a fear that the whole tribe feels / so let us make something better than we have made before / and what we have built is amazing / the largest structure we have ever made together / seventeen trees brought together in a line / giving a space where if I was to lie down / end to end / I could go ten spaces in any direction / and in the middle we have made a wooden house / and in the house we have made it a space for animals / and storing all we have / so that on the other side we shall be able to survive / and have more children / and travel more towards the sun / we are taking eight goats / three males and five females / and eights cows / but all babies / so that they can grow on the other side / and tomorrow is the day we are to leave / and tonight we are having a celebration / there are more than a hundred of us / God has been good / since we followed his purpose / the story you have been listening to / is ancient to us / Moses died long before I was born / but we know that since we found God / we have been blessed / we Chose to follow God / and there is purpose / when we awaken in the morning / there is purpose / and tomorrow I shall work towards my purpose / and I am scared / so scared / but tonight we dance / Noah is by the fire with the other leaders / and he is happy / and my sons are dancing with their wives / as they all separate from their friends and loved ones / who shall remain on this side of the water / but I am alone / watching / if you were to see me you might think me sad / but I am not sad at all / I am Asha / and God has been good to me / and I will follow my purpose / and I will save the ones I love / and I will follow the Ten Commandments / I know that I am the Weak Force / I choose to exist / and I will work towards the maximum energy / and tomorrow I am at peace / for I will leave forever many of the people that I love / whose faces when I see I smile / I know I will never see them again / I know that there is a good chance we will die tomorrow on the water / death scares me / but I will follow my purpose / unwavering / Noah needs my strength, sometimes he is weak / my boys need my protection, they are still children in so many ways / just boys playing at being

men / and their wives need to remember that they are servants of God / before servants of their husbands / and that they have purpose / and that if we are going to not go extinct / then we women will have to suffer / for only women can make children / and those children need to be protected / and it is a curse on us / don't let any say different / for we are not free / we are slaves / but we can make life / which is the greatest power / from my womb I have created life / as a tree grows in soil / my sons have grown from me / and now where before there was just I / now there are three more / all able to grow towards God's purpose / all having smiles / that make me smile / the night is long / the moon is full / the water is calm / as we hope it will be tomorrow / as we hope it will be while we are travelling to our new home / our new world / what shall await us? / I know not / but I know the Ten Commandments / and they shall guide me / God shall bring us across the water / if not tomorrow, for tomorrow is my death / then I pray others carry on where I failed / and they cross the following day / for while it is fine to stop as a tribe / and I understand when the tribe divides / to stay in good places / lest we not forget our purpose / our purpose is to follow the sun / and if there was to be many of us / but none of us were looking to follow God / then we shall go extinct / while if there were few of us / but we look to follow God's Truth / then we are saved / and shall live forever / wish me luck / my children / and if it is not I who survives / then I pray the ones that follow / gives you a Grandmother / with as much love in her heart / as mine holds for you / for all my children / and all the children of all my children / and all the children of my children's children / know / that you are loved / and that I pray for you / whenever you are in the future / and that I pray that your life has smiles / for life is a gift / and full of beauty / but more than that / I pray you follow God / and that your heart is set right / and that when you awaken in the morning / you sense your purpose / and that every moment you are alive / you feel God's purpose / act on God's purpose / and know that if for your entire life you live it under shadow / but you feel God's purpose / and serve God each moment / then your life is good / and you have made your Grandmother proud / now / let me leave you here / as I prepare for my own destiny / I am smiling I promise you / I hope you can feel my smile / I wish you good luck and be with God and follow the Ten Commandments and be full of love and be full of God and serve God well and be good to your family and to your tribe / remember that God is Truth / the only thing you have to remember is Truth / it is easy, it is always there / I would ask you wish me luck on my journey / and know that I love you